



KHALSA PRIMARY SCHOOL
'Faith Inspired Education'



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Dear Parent,

Thursday 25th February 2016

WORLD BOOK DAY: Thursday 3rd March 2016

We hope you and your families have had an enjoyable half term. We are excited to announce that we will be celebrating World Book Day and the importance, power and joy of reading on Thursday 3rd March. During this day, children and staff will be participating in a range of exciting and stimulating reading activities.

Activities will include book swaps, discussing our favourite book characters, book character parades and peer reading sessions.

We would like to invite children to dress up as their favourite book character and bring a book, which they would like to swap with children in their class, to school on **Thursday 3rd March**. Please help your child select a book they've enjoyed reading and are willing to swap. The chosen book must be in good condition and one which they think their peers would like. Please also bring a £1 donation, if possible, which we will be donating to World Book Aid International. This charity supports literacy and education in some of the world's poorest countries: <http://www.bookaid.org/>.

On World Book Day every child will be given a £1 World Book Day Book Token. When you get your book token, all you need to do is to take it to any participating bookshop (such as Tesco, Waterstones or WH Smith) and swap it for one of the ten completely free World Book Day books shown below. These book tokens are valid until **Sunday 27th March**.

You can join us in building your child's enthusiasm for books well beyond World Book Day by reading together regularly and joining your local library if you are not already members. Research evidence shows that children who enjoy reading for pleasure do better in school in all subjects (UCL, Institute of Education). We have compiled a list of recommended books on our school website here: http://www.khalsaprimarieschool.com/parents_recommended_reading.html.

The World Book Day website has advice for parents on selecting books with your children: <http://www.worldbookday.com/ideas/parents/> and we would also highlight the following websites with invaluable advice for families on reading together:

- ❖ <http://www.booktrust.org.uk/Books> for choosing books and tips for shared reading;
- ❖ <http://www.booktrust.org.uk/books/children/how-to-share-books/> includes the downloadable 'Reading with your Child' booklet available in a range of community languages;
- ❖ <http://www.wordsforlife.org.uk/> for resources and ideas for developing language.

As you will be aware the school is participating in 'Read for my School' (www.readformyschool.co.uk), a national competition for all children in Years 3-6, and World Book Day provides a great opportunity to boost children's motivation and enthusiasm for increasing their reading diet! Please encourage your child to register (if they haven't already) and record all the reading that they do.

Thank you for your support,

Miss L. Bartlett
English Leader



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