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Dear parents/carers,

Please find below some news that needs to be shared before the publication of our February newsletter.

World Book Day –Thursday 7th March

On World Book Day our Children's Fundraising committee will be holding a £2 Book Sale in school. Every book will be new and each child will be able to buy a book. Children need to bring £2 (in a named, sealed envelope please) into school to buy a book during the day. Please support our children in their efforts to raise money to make a difference to all present and future pupils ICT experience in our school.

A decision has been made that we will not invite children to dress up as characters from books on World Book Day. I understand that this may upset some parents/carers children however after a discussion with our Parents Ambassadors earlier this term the decision has been made as:

- we are trying to "poverty proof" the school day www.povertyproofing.co.uk and understand that some families in our school community would find it financially challenging to provide outfits
- we appreciate that asking parents/carers to create a costume without purchasing one also puts a time demand on already incredibly busy families
- we are aware that some children do not like dressing up
- we are often asking for donations toward charities and Special Fund in school and want to get the balance of requests right (with Comic Relief on its way, our FOHTR Lent Smarties Challenge and another Children's Fundraising committee activity planned for March).
- there are many other ways to celebrate World Book Day – look out for further information after half-term and **please** support our Children Fundraising committee with their £2 Book Sale.

If you have any other suggestions as how we could "poverty proof" our school day – please contact our school office. I will share all ideas with Parent Ambassadors and our School Council.

Half-term challenge

Following a review of rewards in school, a selection of children (two from each class) have decided that they would like to introduce two new weekly awards:

Marvellous Mathematician



Writer of the week



So we need the help of our children – the challenge is to design a new certificate for each/both of these new awards.

Please bring entries into school on **Monday 25th February** and give to your class teacher. A winning design will be chosen for each certificate and a small prize will be awarded.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Andrea Swift

Head Teacher

