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Dear Parent/Carer,

We are writing to inform you about an exciting event coming up at Stafford Manor High School – World Book Day! This annual event is celebrated globally, encouraging students of all ages to explore the magical world of books and to promote a love of reading.

World Book Day provides a wonderful opportunity to instil in our children a lifelong passion for books and reading. Through the event, we aim to highlight the importance of books in enhancing literacy skills, expanding vocabulary and, nurturing creativity and imagination. It is a day where we collectively acknowledge the invaluable role that books play in our lives and the wider world.

The pleasure of reading cannot be overstated. Books transport us to different places, introduce us to diverse characters and allows us to experience a range of emotions. Reading sparks curiosity, broadens horizons, and develops critical thinking skills.

This year, World Book Day is being celebrated nationally on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March. As our Year 11 students are busy with their PPEs, we have decided to extend World Book Day to the World Book half term. We have so many fantastic activities planned, we wanted to make sure we had time to fit it all in!

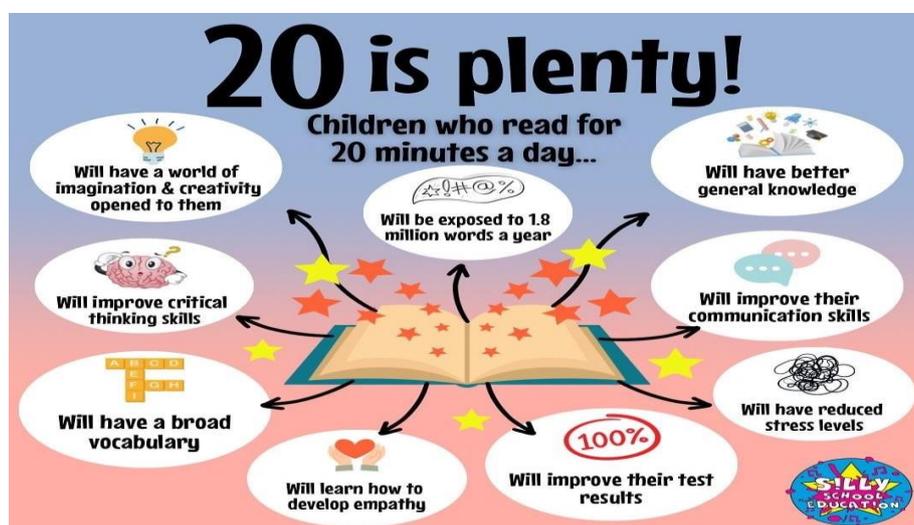
## **What are we doing?**

- **Book Donation** - Do you have any books you no longer read? Bring them to tutor and the form with the most books will win a breakfast celebration at the end of term. You will be donating them to either the school library or other local charities. Please bring books that are in good condition.
- **The Great Book Swapathon!** Do you have a book you no longer read? If so, why not swap it in our great book swapathon! Bring the book you want to swap to school, exchange it for a swap token and you will be invited to the library to choose a new one. Please swap books in good condition. Bring your books in From 4<sup>th</sup> March to 15<sup>th</sup> March
- **Make me A Word Millionaire!** Can your tutor group be word millionaires? Complete Accelerated Reader quizzes EVERY time you finish a book and the words will be added to your tutor count. The tutor group with the highest word count will receive an Easter Eggstravaganza lunch treat. Don't forget to complete your 20 minutes of reading every day.
- **Non School Uniform** – on 15<sup>th</sup> March there will be a non-school uniform day where students can choose to wear a costume from their favourite book or come in their own clothes – Will we guess what book you are from? Will YOU guess what books the staff are from? Prizes for best costumes. It will be a £1 donation on the school gate and money raised will be split between the school library and Comic Relief.
- **Get Caught Reading** – From Monday 4<sup>th</sup> – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March if you students are 'caught' reading (outside of lessons) they will be given a 'caught reading' token – hand it in to Mrs Gurmin for a money off voucher for the upcoming book fair.

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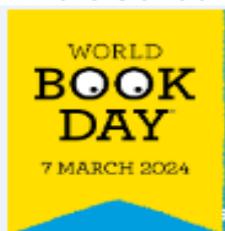
We had such a great time last year, we want to go bigger and better this year!



On the 7<sup>th</sup> March your child will be receiving their World Book Day voucher. This can either be spent on the specially published books for World Book Day or can be used as a money-off voucher for a book of their choice.

Yours sincerely

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