



Thursday 22nd February 2018

Dear Parents,

'Corpus Christi Book Week' will be taking place from 26th February – 2nd March - next week! We have an exciting selection of **authors and storytellers** coming to inspire the children in every class. Separately, you will be receiving information about who is visiting your child's class, together with an order form in case you would like to reserve a copy of that author's book.

Book Week sees the return of **Book Swap** which will take place on Monday 26th February. Book Swap provides a completely cost-free way for children to access books that are new to them. To participate, your child will need to bring in a book that they have finished with and that they would be happy to 'trade' for something else. It is vital that the book your child brings in is in very good condition. If it is ripped, tatty, has pages missing, or is scribbled on, then it is unsuitable. Children who have brought in a suitable book then receive a token that they can then swap for a book that someone else has brought in. Please look for any high quality books that you have finished with and bring ask your child to bring them in on Monday.

As usual, Tales on Moon Lane will be running the extremely popular **Book Fair** for us. The Book Fair will be taking place on **Wednesday 28th February**. Your child's class will have an assigned time to browse the books with their teacher, and there will be slots before and after school for parents to come along and make a purchase. Do not worry if you cannot attend in person: children may bring money along to school and make purchases themselves. Books usually cost from £4.99 upwards. A **World Book Day £1 voucher** will be given to every child next week for them to use at the Book Fair to buy one of the special selected World Book Day £1 books.

This year, instead of a writing competition, we will be encouraging children to extend their reading by using a Reading Passport. Each child will be given a Reading Passport which encourages them to read books from different genres or with different themes. The Passport includes suggestions of books that your child might like to read. Once your child has completed their Passport, which will take some time, they can return it to their teacher and receive a certificate.

Last but not least; the day every child and parent looks forward to- **dressing up day!** On **Friday 2nd March** children (and teachers) are invited to come to school dressed as a character from one of their favourite books and remain in costume for the whole day. There are some great ideas on www.worldbookday.com for dressing up ideas if you need motivation.

Finally, we would like to thank you all for your continued support of reading in the school. We are extremely grateful for all that you do at home and to those who have volunteered with the library, book swaps, one-to-one reading support and events like the ones taking place next week. Corpus Christi's high standard of literacy comes directly from the huge enthusiasm and love for reading, driven by the encouragement given at home. The theme of this year's World Book Day is 'Share a Story for 10 minutes'. **If you would like to get involved with reading to your child's class next week, please do not hesitate to get in touch.**

Good luck with the costume preparations for Friday!

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