

7<sup>th</sup> February 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

### Preloved costumes and preloved books

As we approach World Book Day (Thursday 6th March), we are excited to announce that we will be inviting all children to dress up as characters from one of their favourite books. This is a wonderful opportunity for our pupils to celebrate their love of reading and to express their creativity. If any child does not want to dress up, they are welcome to come to school in their uniform and if they wish to bring a prop from a book, they are very welcome to.

In an effort to support our families as well as promote sustainability, we will be holding a preloved costume event. We encourage you to look through your wardrobes for any costumes that your children have outgrown or no longer wish to wear. Please bring these costumes into school between 10th and 12th February. There will be a donation box in the school entrance (next to the office) where you can leave them.

On Friday, 14th February, we will display the donated costumes on the playground (weather permitting) or, in the event of inclement weather, in the school hall. Families will be welcome to browse and choose an outfit for their child. We warmly invite you to participate in this costume exchange and hope it will be of great benefit to everyone. We thought we would do this before half term so that if anyone does not get a costume here, it gives families time to source a different one.

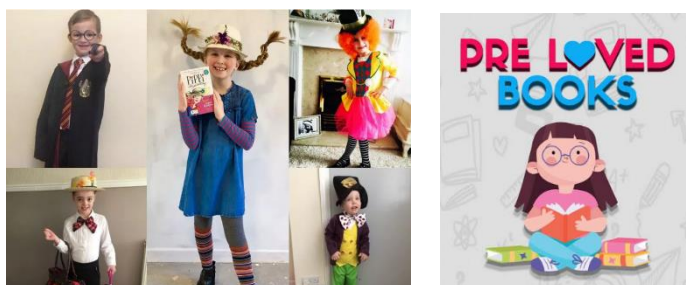
Additionally, donations of costumes suitable for younger children are also welcome as these can also support families with KS1 children, preschoolers or toddlers.

Following the event, any costumes that remain unused will be donated to charity or local nurseries - ensuring they are put to good use whilst also supporting our local community.

As well as costumes, we have previously done preloved book swaps which have been highly successful. If you have any good quality, child-appropriate books that you wish to donate for our book swap, please leave them in the donation box in the entrance to school (next to the costume drop off box) between 10th and 12th February.

Thank you for your support and participation in making this a memorable World Book Day for our children. More information regarding the day will be sent out nearer to the time.

Reading Roadshow - Last year, this event was held after school but after much consideration, we thought the children would benefit more from all the activities going on throughout the day, celebrating books and promoting reading for pleasure!



Best wishes,

Mrs Lees

### Our schools