





HUNTINGTOWER
A PRIORY ACADEMY

Dear Parents and Carers,

In March, we will be celebrating **World Book Day** and **World Poetry Day** with some exciting events we would like to tell you about.

<p><u>Bedtime stories</u></p> <p>This year, our theme for World Book Day is 'Bedtime stories'. On Thursday 7th March, children can come into school with an item which is bedtime related. For example, this could be a teddy bear, slippers (please ensure outdoor shoes are also brought to school), a sleep mask, blanket, or if children own a fleecy hoody/oodie they may wear that over their school uniform. No pyjamas please.</p> 	<p><u>Wednesday 28th February – Thursday 7th March – Class reading challenge.</u></p> <p>Between these dates, children need to read as often as possible at home and get their reading records signed by an adult. The class in EYs/KS1 and the class in KS2 with the most reads, will win a VIP trip to our newly updated library, 10 merits each and a book of choice for their classroom.</p> 
<p><u>Thursday 7th March 2024</u> The Big Book Share</p> <p>Please help your child choose their favourite bedtime story and bring it to school for the day. Each class gets to spend some time with another class from a different year group and share their favourite books with each other. (Please make sure your child's book is named).</p>	<p><u>Academy library launch!</u></p> <p>We are very excited to finally be able to launch our new library. We have purchased over 500 books, including picture books, novels, non-fiction and graphic novels, for the children and staff to enjoy. Reading for pleasure is so important for us to develop with our children and the staff are very excited to share their love of reading with them. Look out for updates from the library on Class Dojo.</p>
<p><u>Thursday 7th March</u> World Book Day Lunch</p> <p>Our hot dinners will have a World Book Day theme.</p>	<p><u>Classroom doors with a book theme</u></p> <p>Staff across school are busy decorating their classroom doors with a book cover. All children across the academy will have the opportunity to visit all the classrooms to see the books that have been chosen. Look out for these on Class Dojo too.</p>
<p><u>World Book Day tokens:</u></p> <p>All children should have received their token. These can be used to buy WBD books or to reduce the cost of a book by £1.</p>	

As you know, we are very mindful of the cost of living for families at the moment and feel that would be unfair to ask families to fund costumes for World Book Day and also a charitable contribution for children to wear **non-uniform** for **Comic Relief** on **Friday, 15th March 2023**.



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Comic Relief is one of the charities that we support as part of our Generosity Value. We are suggesting that children can wear a character costume for Comic Relief if they so wish. The option for a costume to be worn on Comic Relief is to allow those children who enjoy wearing costumes and who already have them to choose how they dress on that day.

There are lots of ways to enjoy World Book Day at home too. Visit worldbookday.com for lots of ideas and activities to enjoy all year round. Please their list of [events](#).

You can exchange your £1 World Book Day book token for a FREE book until Sunday 31st March 2024. You can help your child choose their £1 book by showing them the exciting 'Look Insides' at worldbookday.com/books. Stockists include our local supermarkets and WHSmiths.

Finally, we will be celebrating World Poetry Day on **Thursday 21st March 2024**. Poetry is often a genre of reading that is missed and not celebrated as other genres are. For many years, we have enjoyed the challenging the children to learn a poem that they have then performed to the other classes. We will be repeating this Choral Speaking event on World Poetry Day.

Thank you
Mrs Dewhurst