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Dear Parent

You may be aware that Thursday, 1 March 2018 is World Book Day. We believe that books and reading are vitally important and on that day we would encourage all children to come to school dressed as their favourite book character.

Some activities that are happening in school on the day include:-

- “Switch Off Day” – we are going to spend World Book Day as a “Switch Off Day” in school. We are going to switch off electronic devices to remind us that we not always need to use technology to learn and for enjoyment. We would encourage you to continue this at home. Perhaps switch off your mobile phones, iPads and TVs and play a board game as a family or spend time reading together.
- DEAR (Drop Everything and Read) – throughout the day a bell will ring and children must stop what they are doing and read their book.
- Vote for Whitehead Primary School’s Favourite Authors – children in each key stage will vote for their favourite author.
- Most Inventive Costume Competition – choose a free book from the book fair.
- Children will also take part in book or story related activities in their classrooms during the day.

We do appreciate that thinking of costumes can be stressful, however, we really believe it gets children excited about books and develops their love of reading.

On the back of this note you will see some ideas for World Book Day costumes.

Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'J. Loughins', written over a horizontal line.

J LOUGHINS
Principal

World Book Day 2018

Thursday 1st March

Here are some ideas for book character costumes. All are designed to be inexpensive and easy to put together from things you already have in the house or can borrow easily.

Horrid Henry - normal boy clothes, but messy. Don't forget to wear a mischievous expression!

Peter Perfect - normal boy clothes, but perfectly tidy. Button up shirts, polished shoes and be extra-polite and perfect in every way.

Dirty Bertie - as Horrid Henry above, but perhaps you could add a splodge or two of mud?

Beast Quest - wear golden armour

Angelina Ballerina - pink leotard, pink or white tights and ballet shoes. Add a pink ribbon in the hair

The Tiger Who Came to Tea - just in case you have a tiger costume in your dressing up box!

Sir Gadabout - wear armour or a knight's costume

Tom from Tom's Midnight Garden - striped pyjamas

The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas - striped pyjamas (perhaps for older children in KS2)

Tin Tin - Use hair gel to slick short hair up at the front like Tin Tin's, and wear a plain polo shirt and trousers).

The Very Hungry Caterpillar - dress in green and make a paper plate mask

Rainbow Fairies or **Felicity Wishes** - fairy costume

Sleepover Club - wear pyjamas and slippers, and take a teddy!

Pinocchio - make a nose from kitchen roll tube!

Fern (from Charlotte's Web) - dungarees or jeans, checked blouse, hair in bunches

Moon Face - make a paper plate mask

Saucepan Man - wear pans, obviously!

Lemony Snicket - normal kids' clothes are fine. Perhaps in sombre colours, a touch old-fashioned?

Stuart Little - print or make a rat/mouse mask

Winnie the Witch or **The Worst Witch** - a black dress and stripy tights

Captain Underpants - your best underpants (perhaps over a pair of colourful tights) and a cape!

Nancy Drew - slightly old fashioned, "prim" clothes, a magnifying glass and notebook.

Oliver - short brown trousers, brown shirt, brown cap turned backwards. Add a smudge of black eyeliner on each cheek to make him or her look more wretched!

Alex Rider - cool kids clothes with a gadget or two! Kids could make their own gadgets using boxes, kitchen foil etc.

Little Princess - long old fashioned dress, pinafore, mop cap, bucket

Harry and the Dinosaurs - wear normal clothes and carry a bucket of toy dinosaurs

Famous Five characters - wear 50s children's clothes, perhaps shorts and jerseys. Carry a picnic basket and a bottle of ginger beer!

Malory Towers and other school stories - an old fashioned school uniform or dress?

White witch - grand white cloak, Turkish Delight, fierce and terrible expression

Peter Pan - green T-shirt and tights or leggings, and preferably a Peter Pan hat

Tinkerbell - fairy costume

Captain Hook or **Smee** - pirate costume with hat (and hook)

We can't wait to see what you all decide to dress up as!