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Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: World Book Day - 7th March 2019

On Thursday 7th March we will be celebrating World Book Day; an international festival to appreciate our authors, illustrators, books and reading. It is the perfect opportunity for parents, teachers and pupils to join together to enjoy the world of literature and the life-long pleasure of reading.

At Heathcote we will be celebrating with a range of competitions and activities such as 'Where's Wally' where pupils will have to find 10 pictures of Wally hidden around the school. There will also be a book fair in the library with an opportunity to exchange a book voucher for a book of their choice, as well as a range of exciting costumes which will be worn by staff.

We would also like to invite pupils to dress up in the costume of a character from their favourite author. This means that pupils should clearly resemble a significant character such as Harry Potter, Sheila Birling or Macbeth or Lady Macbeth. This is purely optional and neither parents nor pupils should feel any pressure to dress up. This is **not a non-uniform day** and dressing in jeans and a t-shirt or fashion items and then finding a character to "fit" is not in keeping with the spirit of the day. Pupils must therefore attend school in full uniform if they do not wish to take part. Please visit www.worldbookday if your child needs inspiration or ideas but we do not expect you to spend money on a costume. I know there has been much debate on local social media pages about World Book Day in schools. I stress there is no obligation to take part but enough pupils tell us they enjoy the event to make it worthwhile. Please contact me ehillman@heathcote.waltham.sch.uk if you have any concerns as I will be able to respond more personally via email.

We hope as many pupils will participate in the day and appreciate our world which is rich in literature and celebrate in costume but only if you and they feel comfortable in doing so.

Yours sincerely

Emma Hillman Headteacher and Sita Bashal Director of English



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