

4 March 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

At Outwood Academy Carlton, we will be celebrating World Book Day, 2024, on Thursday 7th March. The celebrations are part of many initiatives aimed at fostering a love of reading amongst students and, the lead up to World Book Day, and the day itself, is intended to promote a love of reading and evoke conversations about reading between staff and students.

Proud Readers

We are encouraging students to bring in a copy of their favourite book to present, and discuss, at PROUD Thursday.

Short Story Writing Competition

There is a short story writing competition running in the lead up to World Book Day, with the winners being announced and prizes handed out on the day. Students have already been made aware of this competition in Tutor Time, and their English lessons, and all year groups are being encouraged to take part.

Dressing Up

Members of staff will be dressing up as characters from books on the day, however students **will not be allowed** to attend school in costume and should attend in their full school uniform. Students will be able to vote for their favourite staff costume of the day.

Research

Did you know that young people who read for 15 minutes per day:

- *will develop empathy and critical thinking skills,*
- *will have better general knowledge,*
- *will have reduced stress levels,*
- *will be exposed to 1.8 million words per year,*
- *will have a better vocabulary,*
- *will find lessons more accessible and*
- *will get better at writing and speaking?*

Thank you for your support with the upcoming World Book Day events.

Yours faithfully,

Miss Ashton
Vice Principal