



FEARNHILL SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

World Book Day 2021

The English department is planning to run a series of fun, book-themed activities for World Book Day on Thursday 4th March 2021. In preparation for this day (and beyond!) and in a bid to encourage more students to read for pleasure, I will be arranging for all KS3 students to sign up for the Hertfordshire libraries' Borrow Box scheme. This is a convenient and easy-to-use online library where members can access a vast selection of online books and audiobooks on their phones, tablets and PCs. It's free and easy to set up and we will be asking your son or daughter to sign up (if they haven't already) during lessons in the coming days. They will be given an ID number and will need to visit the local library when it is open and receive a membership card to continue their membership going forward.

If you would like to set up your membership at home, then you can create an account on the link below. Please can I request that students have access to their ID number and pin so that they can access the books when in school. English teachers will be asking them to log their membership details in a secure document in their Google Classroom. <https://herts.spydus.co.uk/cgi-bin/spydus.exe/MSGTRN/OPAC/JOIN>

On World Book Day, all normal lessons are suspended for KS3 and the English department will be running the day. We would like to get all KS3 students involved in the activities and in anticipation of this, we will be asking them to dress up (for a photo opportunity, not for the whole day - unless they want to!) as a character from a book they have read and do a creative book-task using empty toilet rolls. It will all make sense, I promise! Please could I ask you to support your son or daughter with gathering these items this week as preparations for the day will start later this week.

Finally, thank you to the parents and carers who supported their sons and daughters in taking part in the 10-minute reading challenges over the half-term break; I had a very dedicated group of students reading and quizzing all week! If your son/daughter missed this, they can still take part by doing the short 10-minute reads and quizzes on their English Google Classroom. House points are awarded to all who participate.

Thank you for your support and happy reading!

Yours faithfully

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