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To All Parents / Carers,

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Dear parent / carer,

Thursday 3rd March 2022 is World Book Day; a day to help foster a love of reading in our children. To celebrate this day, we have organised various events across the school and we would like your help.

Dress up as your favourite character (Thursday 3rd March):

Firstly, as a way to celebrate in school, students are invited to come to school dressed up as a character from their favourite book. We will be holding a small catwalk show within bubbles for children to share their costumes and celebrate their characters together. Staff will also be joining in too!

Note: We have some spare costumes in school. Please let your child's teacher know by **Wednesday 23rd February** if you cannot provide a costume for your child so that we can help them create a costume.

Read a story from your home culture (by Monday 21st February):

This year celebrates the 25th anniversary of World Book Day on the 3rd March. In anticipation of this celebration the diversity steering group would like to invite you to share a book or traditional tale from your own culture or background to be shown to children during the week beginning 28th February.

If you have a book or a story you would like to share with the children at St. Jérôme School we would like to encourage you to make a short video of yourself reading or telling your story that we can play to the children during special diversity assemblies that week. You could even get your children involved in reading or retelling parts of the story too. Please introduce yourself and the country or culture that your story comes from at the beginning of your video so that we can share as wide a range as possible with our children.

We would like to receive all videos by **Monday 21st February** so that we can watch them and decide which stories are most appropriate for each year group assembly. These can be submitted via your

child's google classroom if they are in years 2 - 5, and via email to your year group email address if your child is in Reception or Year 1.

- Reception year group email: reception@stjeromebilingual.org
- Year 1 year group email: year1@stjeromebilingual.org

We may also contact you to seek permission to publish your video in our interactive newsletter and on our website.

Sponsored Book Read (held throughout World Book Day week):

In order to raise money for our libraries and develop children's love of reading further, we have partnered with Usborne to take part in a sponsored read. Money raised will go towards buying new books for our School library, and Usborne will contribute an extra percentage of free books to add to our library.

Starting from Monday 28th February and running throughout the week, we will ask children to be sponsored to read for a given amount of time on a daily basis. Please see the attached sponsorship form. Please remind your children that they must not ask for sponsorship from anyone they do not know.

Second-Hand book swap (to donate by Monday 28th February):

To further promote children's engagement in reading and enable them to discover new books, we would like to organise a second-hand book swap in school. We are asking every child to bring in at least one gently used book to school. If you have additional books in good condition that you are willing to donate, we welcome them. This will increase the variety of books from which the children will choose.

In order to quarantine the books and to set them out for the book swap, we would like books to be in by Monday 28th February.

On World Book Day (**Thursday 3rd March**), each child will have the opportunity to pick one book to add to their home library. The remaining books will be donated to school. We are sure the children will be very grateful for a chance to renew their libraries and give a new life to old books.

World Book Day vouchers:

World Book Day celebrates the joy and value of books and reading, especially for students. To encourage and help them on their reading journey, every student will receive a £1 book token which can be exchanged for one free World Book Day 2022 book or £1 off a book costing £2.99 or more. You can find out more information about this on the token given or the World Book Day website.

Should you have any questions, feel free to ask your child's teacher or Miss Reynolds and we will do our best to help. We thank you in advance for your contribution and look forward to our World Book Day 2022 celebrations!

Best wishes,

The Teaching Team