



Dear parents and Guardians,

As schools will be not be fully open at the beginning of next term, World Book Day and our Book Week now has a remote plan.

**How will we be celebrating this year?**

After the success of our story potatoes last year, there will be a new craft challenge - **turn a paper roll into a story book character!**



We have many talented artists throughout the school so we look forward to seeing your creations. To enter please email a photograph of your paper roll character to the school office

([secretary@downs.kent.sch.uk](mailto:secretary@downs.kent.sch.uk)) and include your child's full name and class. Please only attach photos of the art work without your child in as we would love to share as many as we can on our Facebook page throughout the week. The closing date for entries will be Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March and the winners will be announced on World Book Day (Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March) via our Facebook account. The winning entries will receive a book voucher which they can spend online.

Traditionally during World Book week, the teachers and children share the books that they love and this year there will be no exception. On Monday 1<sup>st</sup> March you will find on the school website a list of books that the staff would recommend reading. We would also like to share the stories that families in our community enjoy too. To be involved in this project we would like you to choose a children's book which is special to your family. It might be a book which is read all the time, one that reminds you of a family pet or a book that just makes you all giggle! Whatever the reason, we would like to hear your suggestions and spread the love of books with the rest of our families. To be involved send your recommendation by email into the office. Please include the book title, author and a reason for why that book is special to you. Here is an example:



The Soules' family recommends ..... **Charlie and the Chocolate Factory** by **Roald Dahl**

*Our family love Roald Dahl books and one that mentions chocolate was an instant winner for us! In this book five lucky children find tickets to go into a factory which is like no other. A chocolate river, lickable wallpaper and hens that lay golden eggs will amaze even the most imaginative readers.*

It would be lovely to include a photograph of your family holding the book but **please note if you choose to include a photo like this you are giving us consent to share it as part of our project on the school website.** If you do choose to you could be creative with your photo. If your family chose Harry Potter, you might all wear wizard glasses and hold a wand. A Where's Wally family may wear red and white hats. If it is The Gruffalo you may take the photo in the woods! Could you please email these to the office ([secretary@downs.kent.sch.uk](mailto:secretary@downs.kent.sch.uk)) by Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> February so they can be compiled and ready to share on the website the following week. All family entries will be entered into a prize draw to win a book voucher which can be spent online.



The charity behind this annual celebration of books and children's literature have also organised for digital vouchers (included as an attachment in this email) as well as the usual £1 paper versions. Both of these will be honoured past their expiry dates.

The special World Book Day books will be on sale in major supermarkets so that they can be picked up easily with essential food shopping trips. On the [The WBD website](#) there is a *Look Inside* feature on each £1 book, to enable children to browse the choices available.

We look forward to sharing your art work and book recommendations next month.

Stay safe and enjoy half term,

Mrs Soules



