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Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s)

World Book Day – Celebrating 21 Years
NEW DATE – FRIDAY 16TH MARCH

Thursday 1st March 2018 was the 21st National World Book Day. Due to the adverse weather, we will now be holding our celebrations on **Friday 16th March**. The aim is simple – to ignite children’s imaginations and help them develop a life-long passion for reading, which in turn will improve their:

- Academic engagement;
- Self-confidence;
- Development;
- Life chances.

This year, at Hamworthy Park Junior School, we will be celebrating World Book Day by #shareastory! We are inviting children to come to school on this day dressed in their pyjamas or cosy attire ready for fun book-based activities and storytelling.

The day will involve a number of exciting book related activities, with each year group focusing on a chosen story, which will focus on the importance of reading in a fun and engaging way for all our children. There will be time in the day for children to get cosy and have part of their year groups chosen story read to them. Furthermore, there will also be opportunities for the children to share their favourite book therefore, if they are able to, we are asking that they bring this along for the day.

On the back of this letter is a ‘Reach for the Stars’ reading challenge, to encourage reading at home in the run up to our World Book Day celebrations. Please could you support your child with completing the ten reading challenges by ticking off and initialling the bottom of the sheet. If you are able to provide a photo completing one of the challenges, it would be much appreciated and we can display these to celebrate further. All completed sheets returned to us on our World Book Day (Friday 16th March) will be entered into a raffle and a prize will be awarded to a child from each year group. If you have any questions regarding this exciting day, please do not hesitate to contact us via the school office.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

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