



Gusford Primary School

"Promoting Achievement and Success."

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Dear Parents and Carers,



This year at Gusford we are focussing on developing the children's achievements in reading.

We are so pleased to see that more of the children are reading at home as well as at school. We recommend that your child should try to read every day at home. This could be from their school reading book, a library book, a comic, an e-book or a newspaper (or any other form of text) The amount of time spent reading should be:

Foundation Stage	10 minutes every day
KS1	5 times a week (recommend 10 minutes each time)
KS2	50-60 minutes per week

This year World Book Day falls on **Thursday 2nd March**. To celebrate this day and to continue to develop our focus on reading we are going to have a "READING DAY". There will be several activities going on in school throughout the day that emphasise reading.

We will be asking everyone in the school (staff as well!) **to come dressed as an animal book character.**

There will be parades first thing in the morning from **9am** giving you an opportunity to stay and have a look at all the fantastic costumes.

Please could we ask parents/carers to wait for the parade in

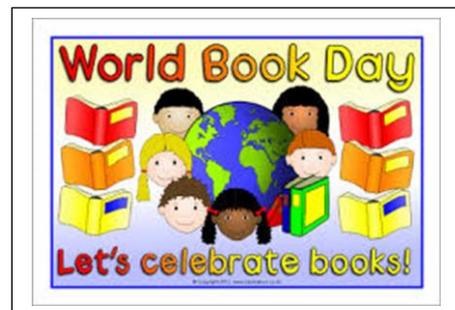
The following areas:

Nursery –in the Early Years outdoor area

Reception and KS1 – around the edge of the KS1 playground in a large circle.

Year 3 and 4 – around the edge of the cage

Years 5 and 6 – around the edge of the KS2 playground.



If it is raining we will NOT be having a parade.



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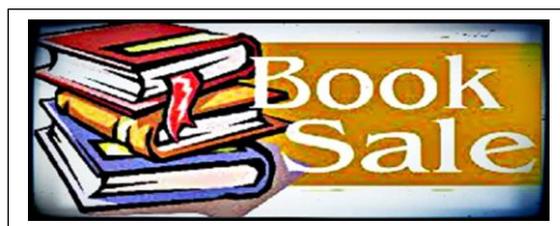


There will also be times during the day when you can join your child for some reading activities in the hall. Reception and KS1 will be in the morning and KS2 in the afternoon.

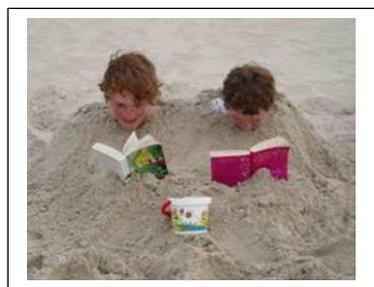
Year group	Time in hall
9.15 – 9.45	Year 2
9.50 – 10.40	Year 1
10.45 – 11.15	Reception
1.15 – 1.45	Year 3
1.45 – 2.15	Year 4
2.15 – 2.45	Year 5
2.45 – 3.15	Year 6

If you have younger siblings that cannot be left with another family member at home then they can come into school. May we remind you that you are responsible for the younger sibling whilst they are in school. There will be a place to put buggies just outside the hall. Ideally we want the time in the hall to be a special time for you and your school aged son/daughter, so if you can leave younger siblings at home with another family member or friend it would be lovely for your school aged child to have your undivided attention.

There will also be a **book stall** in the hall. This will be an opportunity for you and your child to purchase second hand books. If you would like to donate children’s or adult’s books to the stall, there will be a large cardboard box to place them in outside the office in the main reception. Don’t forget to bring in some money on World Book Day to buy some books. (If you can tend the stall for a morning or afternoon session, please let Mrs Clifford know.) Your child may bring in money if you are unable to come in. (maximum of £1)



There will be a new competition launched – the “**Extreme Reading Challenge**” whereby we hope the children will find interesting and ‘different’ places to have themselves photographed reading their book. It might be under the bed, in a tent, up a mountain, in a tree house, etc. This competition will run for the rest of the school year and a prize will be presented to the child who finds the ‘most extreme’ place to read. We hope that the children will bring in a photo of themselves reading in an “extraordinary” place.



We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible supporting your child at the parade or during the reading activities. (if you can’t make it then send another member of the family – a grandparent, auntie, uncle or good friend) We want to encourage as many children as possible to have a ‘special’ time with an adult on a 1-1 basis as possible on the Reading Day.

Thank you

Kay Clifford, English Team leader