

## St Bartholomew's CE Primary School

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Dear Parents/carers,

#### **Italian Link School**

Today we have officially launched our partnership with The International School of Padua in Italy which is incredibly exciting. Children from Reception to Year 6 took part in assemblies where we were able to meet the children and Headteacher from the school. Both schools sang school songs to each other. We even managed some Italian greetings! We are looking forward to some exciting initiatives together in the future.

#### A Day in Politics

We are really looking forward to our Day in Politics Challenge Day this Friday where children will learn more about democracy and the democratic process. I can't wait to see some of the ideas children come up with on ways to protect the environment, road safety and ways to improve our school. As Mr Purshouse has said, to make the day more engaging, children can come to school in smart own clothes (trousers, shirts, blouses, jumpers, dresses). Please don't buy anything new for this – school trousers/dresses/skirts are absolutely fine as are own smart clothes. This should be a lovely way to end our half term learning.

### **World Book Day**

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March (the week we return to school) is World Book Day. The children in Reception will be celebrating all things Julia Donaldson. Children are able to come to school dressed as their favourite Julia Donaldson character from any of her books or any book character of their choice. We would love it if children in nursery could come as a character from a nursery rhyme. Alternatively, any book character is also fine.

We have a range of activities taking place across Years 1-6. The theme of the day will be "Book Tasting" as we want children to sample a range of books and authors during the course of the day. This will include author visits, reading in Italian from our link school and book 'cafes.' Children in KS1 have different options for what they wear to school:

- They can come dressed as a waiter/waitress or chef
- They can come in clothes that they might wear in a restaurant (smart/party clothes)
- They are also able to come dressed as their favourite book character if they wish

We would love it if all children could bring their favourite book into school that day. They will bring it home at the end of the day. We are also having our new library fitted on the 2nd—what a perfect way to celebrate World Book Day.

#### **Parents' Evening Slips**

All children will be bringing home their parent evening times this Thursday for the meetings due to take place after the half term break. If you do not receive the slip on Thursday, please contact your child's teacher who will be able to advise you of the time and date allocated. As always, if you cannot make this time, we will do our very best to change this for a mutually convenient time.



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Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support. We look forward to working with you for the rest of the term and the exciting things ahead in Spring 2.

Yours sincerely

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