

Thursday 7th September 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you have all had a wonderful summer break.

It has been wonderful to see all children back in school including our 5 new starters. All children have settled incredibly well.

I would like to remind you of the process we have in place to allow our children to take books home, supporting their reading progress and reading books to develop their love of reading.

For children who have just started in EYFS, your children will have been issued with their book bags and gifted books.

For younger children in KS1, you will continue to be sent home, the synthetic phonics book that matches the stage of the scheme they are following.

For older children, they get to choose from a range of books, developing their reading for pleasure.

We ask that you continue to listen to your child read a minimum of 4 times a week. It does not have to be a huge amount of time spent on this but regular and often usually shows most progress.

If anyone has any questions about reading at Worlaby academy, please either speak to the class teacher or Mrs Clark (Reading Lead).

Please follow the steps below for successful reading for your child

- **Read with your child regularly.**
- **Keep books safe and well cared for.**
- **Bring book bags to school every day.**

Additional, reading events we have planned:

Friday 8th September 2023 - Read Hour UK

Tomorrow the whole school will be taking part in Read Hour UK. In the afternoon, all children will be splitting into team groups and each team having 4 opportunities to share a book with a different adult in school. At the end of the day the children will vote on their favourite book.

Wednesday 13th September – Roald Dahl Day

As part of our encouragement for children's love of reading we will begin the year taking part in Roald Dahl Day which will take place on Wednesday 13th September. Children are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite Roald Dahl character – some suggestions to help you are below.

- Matilda, Miss Honey, Miss Trunchbull,
- BFG or Sophie
- Enormous Crocodile
- George (George's marvellous medicine)
- Witches
- Willy Wonka, Charlie, Grandpa George, Oompa Loompa



Monday 18th September – 3pm – 3:30pm Reading Meeting for parent of children starting inEYFS

Mrs Clark has arranged a meeting to go through the early reading and phonics process at school. This is a really vital information meeting which we would like parents to attend. If you have difficulty attending at this time, please contact myself or Mrs Clark.

Saturday 23rd September and Sunday 24th September – No Limits Festival Normanby hall

On Saturday 23rd, Miss Reeder, Miss Mastin and Mrs Hatton will be manning a stall at the No Limits Festival at Normanby park. This is a free reading event and past years have proved very successful. We would love it if you could pop by and see us and join in with the reading activities we have planned. I wonder which author we may be representing? Why don't you join us and find out! There will be lots of authors there and lots of activities. I am sure it will be a great day!

In addition, we will be holding our regular Meet the Teacher hour on **Monday 11th September 3:30 – 4:30**. This is an opportunity for you to meet your child's teacher and ask any questions and look at the classroom environment. Many of you know the school very well and all of the staff but you are all more than welcome to join us on that date.

We will have further events arranged throughout the year, and I will inform you as soon as dates are confirmed.

With kind regards

Sharon Hatton (Principal)