

5 February 2021

Dear Parent / Carer

It is that time of year where World Book Day is nearly upon us. This year, the celebrations will be taking place on **Thursday, 4 March 2021**. However, students will be able to partake in a range of virtual activities throughout the course of the week.

To add to the excitement, we will be encouraging students to dress up as their favourite book characters. All students who decide to dress up are in with a chance of winning some fantastic prizes to recognise their effort and contribution to our World Book Day celebrations.

As the majority of students will be working remotely from home, any students wanting to partake in the competition will need to send a photo of themselves to English@farnley.leeds.sch.uk by the end of **Thursday, 4 March 2021**, to be judged. They also need to include the name of the character and the book they appear in. The winner will be announced the following day.

Dressing up is not compulsory but it is a fun and easy way for students to be involved in the World Book Day celebrations. We would encourage students to choose a character from a book they have read and enjoyed.

World Book Day is the perfect opportunity to celebrate all things literary but most importantly, it is a brilliant way to help develop the students love of reading. During the course of the World Book Day week there will be a variety of book related activities available for students to access, including quizzes, games, designing book covers and story writing competitions. The free of charge World Book Day books will be available for all students on their return to school.

As part of the 2021 World Book Day celebrations, we are pleased to announce that we will be hosting a virtual event with the author Robin Stevens at The Farnley Academy on Thursday, 4 March 2021, which all year 7 students will take part in. Robin is the author of *The Murder Most Unladylike* series. She has also contributed to a variety of short story books and written the sequel to Siobhan Dowd's *The London Eye Mystery*, entitled *The Guggenheim Mystery*. She is a winner of the 2015 Waterstones Children's Book Prize, as well as the Oxfordshire Book Award.

Robin will talk about her life, her interest in crime fiction and what led her to create her Murder Most Unladylike series and The Guggenheim Mystery. There will also be an opportunity for your child to ask Robin a question, which she will answer on the day. This is an excellent opportunity for our students to engage with a successful author.

If your child is in year 7 and would like to ask a question, please visit www.farnley.leeds.sch.uk and on our homepage, you will find the option to click and submit your questions. Please return the question by **Monday, 22 February 2021**. We cannot guarantee that Robin will be able to answer all questions, but she will get through as many as she can.

For further information on Robin and her books, or inspiration for a question, please visit her website: www.robin-stevens.co.uk.

We hope that you join us in our enthusiasm for World Book Day. We look forward to seeing the wonderful costumes!

Yours faithfully



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