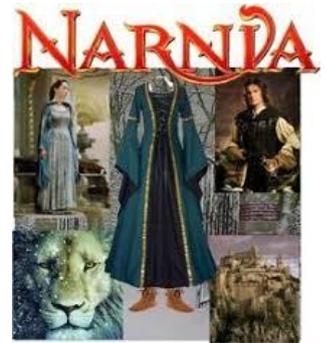


14th January 2019

Dear Parents,

We are super excited to announce that World Book Day is back with a bang on **Thursday 7th March!** World Book Day is a celebration of authors, illustrators, books and (most importantly) it's a celebration of reading. As we really value reading at Ellacombe Academy, we like to make sure every World Book Day is celebrated in an enjoyable fashion. Every child will come home with a £1 voucher for you to spend on an exciting new book, in any local bookstore, and we have lots of wonderful activities planned to celebrate this momentous day, including asking you all to join the festivities.



World Book Day is the biggest celebration of its kind, designated by UNESCO as a worldwide celebration of books and reading, and recognised in over 100 countries all over the world. To mark this year's World Book Day, we are celebrating the literary work of C.S Lewis and *The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe*. Four adventurous siblings, Peter, Susan, Edmund, and Lucy Pevensie step through a wardrobe door and into the land of Narnia, a land frozen in eternal winter and enslaved by the power of the Ice Queen. But when almost all hope is lost, the return of the Great Lion, Aslan, signals a great change and a great sacrifice.

To enhance our love of storytelling at Ellacombe Academy, the children will be asked to come into school dressed up as a character from *The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe* by C.S Lewis (there are some costume ideas overleaf). To share our love and excitement for reading we are asking that all children bring in a previously loved book or books to exchange in a book swap. This will mean that your child will be bringing home a swapped book to read! These books need to be handed to your child's class teacher by **Friday 15th February.**

To make this day even more special, we would also like to invite you to come in and share some reading. The children will welcome you into their classrooms ready with an array of their favourite books for you to enjoy with them. Because we love feedback from parents, we know that some of you also like to dress up too for this special day. If you wish to join in the fun dressed up as your favourite character, please feel free too!

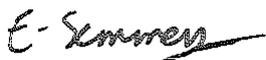
Following feedback after the Wellbeing morning, the timings for parents to come in will be as follows and entry will be via the back gate:

1:30pm - 2pm EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2

2pm – 2:30pm Years 3 and 4

2:30pm – 3pm Years 5 and 6

Yours sincerely



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How to make a wardrobe costume:

1. Firstly, take large a rectangular cardboard box and [cut](#) off all the opening flaps.
2. Hold the box up vertically against you, with the open side of the box towards your body. Cut off the panel that is facing the floor.
3. If you wanted to, you could cut this edge to look like the bottom of the wardrobe.
4. Now cut a hole in the top to fit the head and two smaller holes in the sides for the arms along with another hole on one of the sides for the tail. Try it on to make sure the holes are the right size and in the right place.
5. Use a thick [black marker](#) to draw your wardrobe details on the front.
6. Finally, superglue on your handles with any spare small door knobs or bottle tops you can find.

How to make a lion's mane and tail:

1. For the ears, cut two wooden spoons off 5cm down the handle. (This is definitely a job for adults)
2. Now glue both upright to a thick [plastic hairband](#) and secure with strong tape.
3. For the mane, take a rectangular bath matt and fold in half and cut out a circle hole in the centre of one side for the face.
4. Along the fold, cut two slits for the ears. Put the lion's ears on your head and lay the bath matt over with the ears going through the long slits.
5. Stuff a pair of [tights](#) with some tissue paper or old newspaper and then attach to the back of the cardboard box.