Friday 1st March 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you very much for all your support in reading with your children at home. I cannot overemphasise enough just how important it is for your child’s development, educational attainment and wellbeing, to be read to and heard reading aloud, on a daily basis.

During Reading Week, before the February half term vacation, we hosted two very successful events. The Scholastic Book Fair, raised over £500, for us to spend on books for school. We will be investing these funds in our provision of individual class libraries. Thank you very much to all those parents and carers, who supported our book fair, in particular during the current ‘cost-of-living crisis’.

In addition, on the final Friday of the half term, Grandad Wheels visited our school. All the children had the opportunity to work with and hear his hilarious stories. The children had an amazing experience learning about the challenges and prejudices that disabled people sometimes encounter. I hope that in sharing his experiences, the children have developed a more nuanced understanding of what disability is and what it is most certainly not.

On Thursday 7th February 2024, we will be supporting the national World Book Day! All the children will be participating in a creative session entitled: Reading Feeds Your Imagination! In addition, different classes will be participating in a variety of creative, reading activities. As a parent or carer, it would be amazing to see pictures of you reading with your child at home on our social media (X (formerly Twitter and Facebook)!

This year, dressing up as a book character will be optional. With the higher cost of living at present, we understand, as parents ourselves, that family budgets are being squeezed and where we can we do not wish to add to those financial burdens. However, like in previous years, if you do wish to dress up as a book character, we once again, encourage the children to wear innovative homemade costumes or masks. If you have a costume, item of clothing or loose textiles that can be recycled, refashioned or reused in another way that would equally be fantastic. As a school, we are endeavouring to reduce our carbon footprint and make a positive contribution to sustainability.

If you need any further information about these events, please speak to me outside the front of school in the morning. Many thanks for your continued support in making Masefield a truly wonderful reading school.

Yours Sincerely

Mr Klimiuk

Year 6 Class Teacher and Reading Lead