14th February 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

**­Re: BOOK WEEK – 2nd-6th March 2020**

We are planning a fun-packed week for children to focus on the enjoyment of books. We have activities including an author visit, a Spellathon competition, paired reading with the Infant school and a visit from a theatre company! We would also like your help with the following at home please:

* **BBC Writing Competition** – Encourage your child to enter this online – they can write (and type up) a story of up to 500 words. Please see details on the website: bbc.co.uk/500words (closing date: 27th February). Alternatively, I am happy to submit the stories for you on Tuesday 25th February – either email them to school at [enquiry@walmley-jun.bham.sch.uk](mailto:enquiry@walmley-jun.bham.sch.uk) or send them in on a memory stick.
* **Book Swap** – if your child has books (in good condition) that they no longer need, please bring them into school after half term and they can swap them for others on Wednesday 4th March.
* **World Book Day** – Children can come dressed as a **book character** on Thursday 5th March! There will be prizes for the best dressed in each year group.

If your children enjoy books written by Roald Dahl and David Walliams, they’ll love the books of our visiting author! On Tuesday 3rd March, **Lawrence Prestidge** will be holding writing workshops with Year 5 during the day followed by a whole school assembly, and will be sharing his published books.

Lawrence will be available at the end of the school day to sign copies of his first book 'Rolo' (£5.99), his book 'Terror at the Sweet Shop'(which is being developed into a stage musical) costing £7.99 and his brand-new book ‘Can Such Things Be?’ costing £7.99. (All three books can be bought together for £18.00).

If your child wishes to purchase a signed copy of a book, please bring them into school at 3.30pm. Alternatively, if you complete the order form below and return it with the correct money, we can reserve copies beforehand. Please ensure the envelope clearly states which book/books they wish to purchase. The envelope needs to be given to the school office for the morning of 3rd March. Staff will then ensure that these children are able to collect the appropriate book/s.  Parents can look at the books online at [www.lawrenceprestidge.com](http://www.lawrenceprestidge.com/) or at [www.facebook.com/lawrenceprestidge](http://www.facebook.com/lawrenceprestidge).

Thanks for your support. Have a great half term holiday!

Mrs Smith

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