



Book Week at St. John's

Monday 18th March to Friday 22nd March 2019

We are very excited to be outlining the plans for our upcoming book week. Here at St John's, we have worked hard to raise the profile of reading in a number of ways: Floppy Phonics (phonic related reading scheme) in Reception; special themed libraries; Accelerated Reader programme (Y2 - Y6); and structured new approaches to the teaching of reading using VIPERSsss.

Our continued aim is to develop a love of reading amongst all our children. At St. John's, we believe that designating a special week at school and at home for reading will further demonstrate how much fun can be had from reading a good book. Throughout the week, we will be focusing on 'Take One Book' whereby the whole school will immerse themselves in one book - 'Shh! We Have A Plan'. Each year group will then work throughout the week to express their love and understanding of the story in a multitude of ways, which we will share with you via the school website.

We are very grateful for all the support you give us and hope that we can work together to continue growing a love of reading in our children and make this another very successful St. John's book week! 😊

Many thanks,

Mr J Gambell
English Subject Leader





St. John's Catholic Primary School

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Programme of Events





Our VERY Special Events

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Monday 18th March 2019 'Performance Poet' in school day

We will be having an inspirational visit from performance poet Justin Coe. Please see the next page for more information regarding book signings.



Wednesday 20th March 2019 'Bed Time Stories'

On this day, the children are required to dress in comfy pyjamas. We would love it if parents from year R to 2 came into school from 2pm and read with their children. Children in juniors will have the chance to listen to various adults share their favourite bedtime stories. There will also be hot chocolate and marshmallows available for all children, adding a special touch to the afternoon.

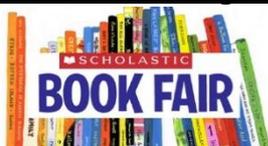


Friday 22nd March 2019 'Reading celebration assemblies'

We will be using this week to 'Take One Book' from nursery to Year 6. The children will have the opportunity to retell stories, be involved in drama, artwork and imaginative writing based around this one story. The children will then showcase their work in the Friday assemblies. Please look out for all their fantastic work on the website.



Events throughout the week



There will be exciting new books for sale in this year's book fair, which will be running every afternoon in the Junior Hall from 3:15pm. Remember to bring along your 'World Book day'

voucher in order to get £1 off any book  If you purchase gift vouchers from 'Scholastic', you will get an extra 20% off:

<https://bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/gift-vouchers>

We are challenging our children to read a number of books and raise sponsorship through the 'Readathon' charity. Furthermore, money raised will result in book vouchers for the school and some prizes for the children. Sponsorship cards and instructions will be handed out prior to book week.



Return cards and sponsorship money by 1st April 2019

In school competitions

****BOOK VOUCHER PRIZES TO BE WON****

Design a book mark competition in KS2

Draw your favourite book character in KS1



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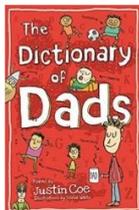
Justin Coe (Performance Poet)



We are delighted that writer and performance poet Justin Coe will be visiting our school for St John's Book Week. He will be delivering workshops and performances, featuring poems from his new book *The Dictionary of Dads* (published by Otter-Barry books, illustrated by Steve Wells.)

Justin is a dynamic and engaging performer and we should be in for a treat. *The Dictionary of Dads* ("a brilliant and funny debut collection") has received some fantastic press and reader reaction. According to the Irish Examiner, the book contains "55 bouncy poems about a variety of father figures. All human life is here!"; while Book Bag called it "such a successful spread... everyone in the primary-aged market for this will be able to relate to at least a few of these pieces, and I dare say too there are some adults seeking a child to share this book with".

Justin will be selling signed copies of his book, *Dictionary of Dads*, for the modest sum of £6 after school on Monday 18th March.



If you would like to guarantee a copy of his book. Please complete the slip below and return it to your child's class teacher by Wednesday 13th March

Cut off here:



I would like to pre-order a copy of 'The Dictionary of Dads'

Child's name: _____

Signed : _____.

I enclose £6 with this slip.