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Dear Parent/Carer,

World Book Day falls on March 2nd this year which unfortunately is the same day on which the second NEU teachers strike is planned. As we do not know what will be happening yet (although we expect the school to be open) we have decided to hold different book day activities throughout the week. On **Wednesday March 1st** Oak and Sycamore Classes will be joined by local Author, Geoff Stock who also used to be a teacher at our school many years ago!

All children will be invited back to school on the **1st March** at **5.30pm - 6.30pm** for some bedtime stories with their class teacher. This year's event will be slightly different as it will be a charity event to raise money for Generators for Ukraine and will be held by torchlight.

The appeal has been organised by Bath Councillor Kevin Guy and the Bath local residents group 'Friends of Oleksandriya', aiming to raise money to provide generators for the city of Oleksandriya. The city is similar in size to Bath with 86,600 residents. Since the Russian hostilities, Oleksandriya has become a place of refuge for over 11,700 displaced Ukrainian citizens migrating from war torn regions in the east of the country. Amongst these people are 2,500 children. Due to Russian military action, Oleksandriya are experiencing power outages resulting in limited light and reduced heating during freezing temperatures. Generators for Ukraine aims to raise money to provide generators for these communities in Oleksandriya.

Children are invited to join us wearing their pyjamas and bringing teddy bears, blankets and their favourite/new books for us to read together. We would also appreciate any torches that you are willing to lend us for the evening. Donations towards the appeal are very welcome, and will be gratefully received at the event. Children will also need to bring a named mug, ready for some hot chocolate.

Then on Friday 3rd March, children are allowed to come to school dressed as their favourite book character (optional). Other 'book day' activities will happen throughout the week in classes.

Finally, please look out for the book token coming home with your child which can be taken to participating bookshops to exchange for a book from the World Book Day selection.

If you have any queries please see your child's class teacher.

Warm regards,

Lucy Cowgill









