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Dear Parents/Carers

We will be celebrating Book Week during week beginning Monday 2nd March 2020. As a school, we are planning a wide variety of exciting activities to promote and encourage reading and writing under the theme "Bringing Books to Life".

We are pleased to announce that we have three well-known authors visiting us who will be spending time with the children and inspiring them with their storytelling and cartoon skills.



Reception and Key Stage One will be meeting the author, Chloe Inkpen, who, (alongside her Father, Mick Inkpen, of Kipper fame), writes the Mrs Blackhat books amongst others. We are particularly excited as one of her books has been nominated in the 'Shout It Out' awards and thus Key Stage One children are very excited to meet her. She is a great storyteller and we are looking forward to her bringing books to life!



Key Stage Two will be visited by the authors, Knife and Packer, the writers of Badly Drawn Beth, Fleabag Monkeyface amongst others, who bring their books to life through drawing and humour.

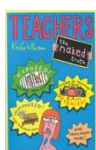
You can find details of these authors on the following websites: <https://www.knifeandpacker.com> and <https://www.chloeinkpen.com> and it will be worth taking a look prior to their visits.



We will be selling books after school on **Monday 2nd March 2020 (Chloe Inkpen)** and on **Tuesday 3rd March 2020 (Knife and Packer)** and the authors will be delighted to sign books bought on these days. For ease of purchase and so the children are not disappointed, the authors have requested pre ordering and payment of books and further details and an order form will be sent nearer to the time.

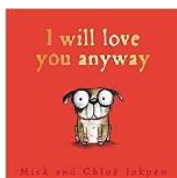
We are also pleased to welcome back the West End Theatre Company, who will be doing a dance workshop with each class in the school individually based on bringing a book to life through the medium of dance. This will take place on **Wednesday 4th and Friday 6th March** to allow all classes to participate.

In addition to this we have lots of activities taking place such as **Upper Beeding's Dress Up day on Thursday 5th March**, where children are asked to come to school as their favourite book character. There will be a prize per key stage for the best costume.



As a school we will be participating in a 'readathon' to encourage a love of reading. Children will have an opportunity to visit the member of staff of their choice to hear a favourite book, and we will be promoting lots of opportunities for reading in a range of situations.





In previous years, a popular activity has been the “**caught reading**” competition where children are encouraged to bring in photographs of themselves reading in unusual places. We will be displaying these pictures in the Solar Dome for all to see. There will be a prize for the most interesting and two runners up prizes. **All entries need to be in school by Wednesday 4th March and prizes will be awarded in our celebratory assembly on Thursday 5th March**

We would like **to invite parents to be a part of our Book Week** too, and to come into school to share stories with the children. Your class teacher will let you know their own individual timings for this.

Book Week will be a fun-filled and productive week for the children and we are **very grateful to FUBS**, who have agreed to fund this exciting week for us, allowing the children to meet real authors and to work with a professional dance company to bring books and reading to life for them – thank you Friends of Upper Beeding Primary School!

Yours faithfully

Debbie Gilpin
English Leader

