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Dear Parent/Carer,

The month of March is Integrated Education Month and this year's theme is '2020 Vision'.

We will be marking this very important month in the school year with a number of different activities, including:

- 2 x Community Breakfast Events for pupils, parents and the wider community on 25th & 26th March
- Gathering parental views on your vision for Integrated Education, your views and experiences.
- Staff memories of OIPS – Reviewing the vision of the founding members of our school.
- Pupil artwork on the theme of Vision and where pupils see themselves in the future.

(More details will follow)

Our 1st event to mark Integrated Education Month, is this Thursday 5th March and will link together, World Book Day, Integration Month and the Integrated Education Fund Odd Socks Appeal.

World Book Day/2020 Vision/IEF Odd Socks Day

Thursday 5th March 2020

On Thursday, pupils can bring their favourite story into school to share with their friends, as World Book Day 2020 has a theme entitled 'Share A Story'.

Pupils will get the opportunity to share this story with their peers. Older pupils will be 'Reading Buddies' for younger pupils and our Year 1 and 2 pupils will be enjoying a 'Teddy Bears' Picnic' Event.

Pupils can (if they wish) bring in a book to trade with a peer for another book as part of our 'Big Book Swap'.

In each classroom, pupils will also engage in activities with staff that highlight the importance of reading, including quizzes such as Bookbust, Story Bubbles about favourite stories, Meet the Bookmarks and much more!

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To connect World Book Day with **Integrated Education Month and Vision 2020**, we are asking pupils to bring in a pair of glasses of any kind to wear on the day such as Sunglasses, Novelty Glasses, even 'homemade' glasses of different designs as we look out for the weirdest, wackiest and funniest glasses. Sunglasses could be decorated, and 'jazzed up' to look more spectacular!

Finally – IEF Odd Socks Day. We celebrate this event each year in support of IEF (Integrated Education Fund) who provide support and funding to our school on a regular basis.

We thought that our Odd Socks would complement our weird and wonderful glasses!

Pupils are encouraged to wear the oddest, brightest and most colourful socks that they can. We do ask for a £1 donation to support the IEF for the pleasure of wearing these cool and funky socks! Staff will be getting in on the act too!

Each pupil will also receive a World Book Day token to purchase a @£1 Book or to help towards buying a slightly more expensive book...these will be distributed by class teachers.

In Summary then for World Book Day pupils should:

Bring a book/story to share.
Wear Odd Socks and bring £1.
Wear funky/weird/cool/wacky glasses.
Bring a book to trade/swap with a peer (if they wish!).

Keep an eye on Twitter and Facebook for further information and reminders about World Book Day and March activities to mark Integrated Education month.

Regards

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