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## Reading Week 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

This year, for Reading Week, we are focusing on equality, empathy and how we treat people, who are different from ourselves. Across school, we will be sharing a variety of age-appropriate texts and picture books that shine a light on a variety of different groups within our society: for example, it may be refugees or asylum-seekers; those who have a disability or those less fortunate than ourselves.

On **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2024**, we will be hosting 'Grandad Wheels,' who will be sharing his experiences and stories (<https://www.grandadwheels.com>). Brian Abram, 'Grandad Wheels' is a renowned children's author and fundraiser for two very important charities – Spinal Injuries Association and Back Up! These charities provide invaluable support to people, who have sustained spinal cord injuries. As part of his visit to Masefield, Grandad Wheels is selling his books at special offer prices (see order form attached). All profits from the sale of his books support that wonderful work undertaken by these charities. **At Masefield, we take great pride in our collective support and fundraising for a wide variety of charitable causes and I would be most grateful if you could support both ourselves and Brian in his wonderful work, by pre-ordering a book today!**

On **Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January – Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2023**, the Book Fair will be open between 3:30 – 4:00pm. Please support this and your child's love of reading? All proceeds from the fair, will be reinvested into our class libraries. The book fair will be cash only, however, electronic payments can be made in advance to Scholastic, through their Book Fair Gift Vouchers, which can be purchased and electronically downloaded from: [Book Fair Gift Vouchers - Scholastic Book Fairs](#) . Please note: change cannot be given for these vouchers.

During Reading Week, I will be launching our 'Reading for Pleasure' Journals. Further information will be disseminated to you about these and the first children in each class will be bringing them home! More information coming soon! Due to the inclement and tumultuous weather conditions at present, we will NOT at this time be visiting Little Lever Library, as in previous Reading Weeks. Visits to Little Lever Library for all classes will take place later on during the Spring Term or early in the Summer Term.



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In addition, documented below are some hints and tips for supporting your child's reading at home, including a fantastic website, which gives advice as to how to question your child's reading and build 'book talk' between you and your child.

Finally, this year, World Book Day will be on **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2023**. This year, dressing up as a book character will be optional. With the higher cost of living at present, we understand, as parents ourselves, that family budgets are being squeezed and where we can we do not wish to add to those financial burdens. However, like in previous years, if you do wish to dress up as a book character, we once again, encourage the children to wear innovative homemade costumes or masks. If you have a costume, item of clothing or loose textiles that can be recycled, refashioned or reused in another way that would equally be fantastic. As a school, we are endeavouring to reduce our carbon footprint and make a positive contribution to sustainability. Furthermore, all children across school will be doing some creative activities during the morning of World Book Day. We are currently investigating the possibility of the provision of some interactive online sessions with famous authors or primary writing associations. If you need any further information about these events, please speak to me outside the front of school in the morning. Many thanks for your continued support in making Masefield a truly wonderful reading school.

Your Sincerely

Mr Klimiuk

Year 6 Class Teacher and Reading Lead





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## Tips for Supporting your Child's Reading at Home!



Click on this link:

[Tips on reading books with your child | Words for Life](#)



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On Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2024, we have an author, Brian Abram visiting the school and reading his stories with all our children. Brian is a full-time wheelchair user and his books are called '*The Adventures of Grandad Wheels!*' In Brian's books he tells hilarious stories of his silly adventures with his grandson. His books aim to show that anyone in a wheelchair can have fun and be fun to be with. **Quentin Blake** (illustrator of the **Roald Dahl's** books) said of Brian's first book, "*It's an impressive piece of work!*"

Brian will sign copies of his books and can include a dedication to your child. You can buy the books at a discounted price of just £6.00 each (or £27.50 for all five) and Brian will donate all proceeds from these sales to two important charities that support people who have suffered a spinal injury - the Spinal Injuries Association and Back Up.

If you would like Brian to sign a book for your child, then please complete the form below.

For more information have a look at Brian's website, [www.grandadwheels.com](http://www.grandadwheels.com)

Please tear off and return this slip with your book order to your class teacher

Please can I buy:

..... copies of '**Charlie's Big Idea!**' (*Grandad and Charlie's first fun adventure*)  
..... copies of '**Chaos at Cheapfoods!**' (*Grandad & Charlie cause chaos in a supermarket*)  
..... copies of '**Grandad goes for Gold!**' (*Featuring Paralympian Hannah Cockroft OBE*)  
..... copies of '**Grandad's New Chair!**' (*An out of control wheelchair causes mayhem*)  
..... copies of '**Grandad in the Grotto!**' (*A crazy Christmas story*)  
..... set of **all five books** for the very special price of £27.50

I enclose £ (cash only)

Child's first name for so Brian can write "To xxxxxx from Grandad Wheels!" before signing it

Parent or guardian's name:.....

