



24 February 2017

Dear parents,

Our exciting 'Book Week' is fast approaching and Cardinal Newman School is ready to be invaded by variety of book characters on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2017 (Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March for Topaz Class). 'Book Week' is a celebration! It's a celebration of authors, illustrators and most importantly it's a celebration of reading and will take place on the week commencing Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2017. The main aim of Book Week is to encourage children to explore the pleasure of books and reading by providing them with the opportunity to share books and activities in school.

During Book Week, each year group will be focussing on a picture book which they will read together and the week's learning will stem from this book. Our books include: Sam's Duck by Michael Morpurgo and How Mrs Monkey Missed the Ark by Judith Kerr. The children will be designing alternative book covers, writing to authors, adding characters, designing setting, learning poems and making their own books. Children will have the opportunity to share books with a child from a different year group and we will start each day with the Cardinal Newman Jackanory. This will allow teachers to share their favourite book or series of books with another class in the school.

As part of our Book Week we are privileged to have an experienced storyteller, Kevin Graal, joining us to perform and work with the children. Fiona Scott, a children's author, will also be joining us to share her books and writing ideas with us. Fiona will be selling her books in the playground after school on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March. Finally, an exciting theatre production company are performing their version of 'The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe' to the children.

Please remember our exciting dress up day on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2017 (Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March for Topaz Class). Get your costumes ready and have fun. If you have got any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or your child's teacher.

And remember, according to Dr Seuss

'The more you read the more things you know. The more that you learn the more places you'll go'.

Kind regards

Miss O'Neil

