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Churchtown Primary School

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Dear Parent or Guardian

Re: PTA - World Book Day – Thursday 7 March 2019

As part of our continuing policy of enriching the school curriculum and encouraging the children to read for pleasure, the children and staff of Churchtown are going to celebrate World Book Day on **Thursday 7 March 2019**.

This year we are pleased to announce that we are expecting a special visitor in school on World Book Day. Ziggy, a registered 'Pets As Therapy' dog already visits school as part of the READ 2 DOGS scheme and will be spending the day with us as part of our celebrations.

We would like everyone to dress up for the day. The children can either wear PJs or dress as their favourite *animal* book character, for example, Fantastic Mr Fox, The Cat in the Hat, Winnie the Pooh. Please don't feel that you have to go out and buy an outfit especially for this, we prefer 'make do and mend' type costumes. We hope that this will add to the enjoyment of the day and encourage our children to understand that reading is fun!

On World Book Day, to celebrate our love of reading, **we would like children to bring in a photo/drawing of themselves involved in 'extreme' reading with a pet or cuddly toy.** Can they think of an unusual place to read to their pet or cuddly toy? The winning entry from each class will have the opportunity to have a selfie with Ziggy.

On this special day, **we are also asking each child to bring in a pre-loved book** which they no longer use to donate to a class library. In school the children will design a bookplate to put inside their donated book.

In the near future, we are looking forward to a number of author visits, including a visit from Joe Delaney, author of the popular Spooks series and a visit from Rebecca Fan-Blinston. Further details to follow.

We hope that you will enter into the spirit of World Book Day and help the children to enjoy the experience.

Yours sincerely

Mrs S Collins

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