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Dear Parents,

Once again, we are looking forward to World Book Day, which is scheduled this year for Thursday, 7th March. All children in primary will receive £1 book tokens redeemable in any book store in the UK.

World Book Day is an opportunity for the school to celebrate and encourage independent reading. This is the fourth successive year in which we are conducting a sponsored READ-A-THON, with sponsorship contributions going toward the books and library fund of ES Culham's Zambia Project. Each year, the number of classes and students participating in the READ-A-THON has grown, along with the school's awareness of the project and its aims. This year, we would like to involve even more students, who would invite family members or friends to 'sponsor' their reading **over a four-week period beginning Thursday, 7th February through half-term and concluding on Thursday, 7th March** on World Book Day.

The money the students raise will go to our partner schools at Livingstone and Kitwe in Zambia, as well as the Funsani orphanage in Kitwe, which supports children, many of whose parents have died of AIDS. We would like to put more books and educational supplies into the hands of these children and their teachers.

The school is launching this year's READ-A-THON with an **all-school Read-In on 7th February**. Normal lessons will be suspended from 11.15 to 12.00 and students and teachers alike will take up their choice of books and get reading.

Please remind your child to bring a book of their choice to school on 7th February. Attached you can find a READ-A-THON sponsorship form to download. Each child can be sponsored by more than one person. It all helps to foster values of global citizenship and is a great way to encourage more independent reading at home by our students. So we hope you will encourage your child to read and to collect money for a good cause.

Please return your sponsor form and any money raised back to your child's class teacher by **Monday 11 March**. Please be sure to include your child's name and class on the envelope, as the children like to keep track of how much each class has read – and raised. This year, teachers can join in too.

Best wishes,

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Acting Deputy Head