

# St. Mark's Church of England Primary School



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Dear Parents

## **BOOK WEEK 2018: Compassion for the Earth** **Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March**

Next week is our annual Book Week when we will be spending more time than usual on book and reading related activities.

### **What do we hope to achieve ?**

- a celebration of books, poetry, stories and reading
- increased interest in reading
- enjoyment in listening to a range of different stories
- introduction to new authors and illustrators
- production of new stories and books, written and made by the children
- an increased understanding of our rich heritage of books, poetry and stories
- an increased understanding of the way in which a reader helps to create a story: every reading of a book is slightly different

This year's Book Week theme: **Compassion for the Earth**

Stories and picture books are a great way to raise awareness of important issues. As our current Christian values focus is Compassion, we have decided to look at books that help us to think about environmental issues under the title ***Compassion for the Earth***.

As in previous years we have chosen three newly published, high quality picture books linked to our theme. We will vote for our favourite at the end of the week and award the author and illustrator the much coveted St Mark's 'Golden Lion Book Award'. This year's books are:

- **Footpath Flowers** by Jon Arno Lawson and Sydney Smith
- **The Promise** by Nicola Davies and Laura Carlin
- **The Lonely Giant** by Sophie Ambrose

### **World Book Day: Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March**

On Thursday next week we are inviting all the children to come to school dressed as a character from a children's book and join with schools across the country celebrating World Book Day. Each child will be given a £1 World Book Day voucher that can be used towards the purchase of books in bookshops or to buy one of the special £1 World Book Day publications.

I am sure we will all have a great week celebrating all aspects of books and reading.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher