



## Sharmans Cross Junior School

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Dear Parents,

Week beginning Monday 31<sup>st</sup> March, Sharmans will be holding a joint celebration of World Book Day and Shakespeare Week to celebrate 450th anniversary of Shakespeare's birth! There will be lots of exciting activities and this special week will see the launch of our whole school readathon!

During this special week, we will all be learning about the life of William Shakespeare and the impact that he has had on our lives today. Each year group will study a different Shakespeare play in their literacy lessons, using drama activities to support, inspire and motivate their reading and writing. At the end of the week, they will share their work with their buddy reading class, celebrating their achievements at the end of the week.

We will also be launching our very first 'Readathon'! Children can collect sponsors to raise money for four charities- 'Readwell', 'CLIC Sargent', 'Roald Dahl's Marvellous Children's Charity' and 'Together for Short Lives'- or they can just join in for fun! The children will set their own personal challenges and can read whatever they like for pleasure: fiction, non-fiction, reference books, e-books, comics, magazines, newspapers, instruction manuals. Anything goes! I will be sending you more information and sponsor forms nearer the time, however if you would like further information in the meantime, please go to <http://www.readathon.org/>

We would also like to invite children to bring in any books they've outgrown or no longer need. On Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April we will set them all out and allow children to choose a book each to take home. Any that are left over will be added to the school library. Hopefully this will be a great way to recycle read, unwanted books and get new exciting books! We really appreciate any unwanted age appropriate books that you can donate!

What an exciting week! If you have any questions, please let me know,

Best Wishes,

Miss Boon