Book / Literacy / Numeracy Week

St Joachim’s will be celebrating Book Week 2013 throughout the week of Monday 19 – Friday 23 August.

St Joachim’s staff have many exciting activities planned and these include …

Book Character

Dress Up Day!

Thursday 22nd August

Dress Up Parade – 11:30 a.m.

Children and staff come dressed as a favourite book character from any book they choose and at 11:30 we will have a grand parade in the hall.

Mums and dads most welcome to dress up!

Dress up ideas

**Kings and Queens:** are always popular. Children can wear black long johns, leggings or tights, black ankle boots, black t-shirt, red king’s cape made from a piece of fabric, gold crown from the $2.00 shop. Stuff the tummy with a pillow if you choose.

**Charlie Bucket:** no sewing at all, just a golden ticket required. Cut out rectangle shapes from a cardboard box and spray-paint them gold, add wording with a black pen. Make two holes in the cardboard box for the string to thread through so he could wear the ‘ticket’ like a tabard.”

**Fantastic Mr Fox:** all you need is some brown clothes for the body, and perhaps a dashing red jacket or waistcoat accessorised with a red neckerchief (he is rather dapper, after all). Face paints can achieve suitably foxy features, while some cardboard ears stuck onto a headband and a tail made from a length of brown furry fabric and pinned to your child’s back completes the look.

**Witches:** simply add stick on ‘warts’ - or dress in old, grubby clothes, adding long messy hair, a walking stick and ‘facial hair’ to become *Mrs Twit!*
The Very Hungry Caterpillar: dress your child in coloured stripy tights and top and make antennae from a headband and tin-foil. Finish off with a painted face or dress them in a green top and trousers, stick pictures of all the foods to the top and make a little hat for the caterpillar’s face.

Peter Rabbit: how about using brown trousers/leggings/tights and brown top, blue waistcoat, bunny ears and whiskers pencilled on!

Ruby Red Shoes: any pretty dress, bunny ears and of course red shoes!

Puss in Boots: cat ears and tail, plain clothing, waistcoat and not forgetting the boots.

A Dalmatian from 101 Dalmations: white t-shirt with black spots, black trousers. face paint.

Tiger / Lion: inexpensive fake tiger fur from Spotlight,

Tin Tin: popular choice for older boys and it couldn’t be easier to recreate the look of the Belgian super-sleuth, all you need for this costume is some plain brown shorts, a white t-shirt and a light blue jumper, add some knee-length white socks, finish the look off with some hair gel to create Tin Tin’s trademark quiff!

Scarecrow from the Wizard of Oz: dad’s old shirt, glue on patches, then put an old broom handle through back, with string tied around the wrists. Complete the look with brown trousers.

Dorothy from the Wizard of Oz: red shoes are a pre-requisite (the shinier the better - or you could jazz up old shoes by adding red sparkly bits) but aside from that all that’s needed is a blue dress, pinafore-style if possible. Add a wicker basket, plaited hair and ribbons.

Thomas the Tank Engine: paint a large cardboard box in the same blue as Thomas. Put on straps for child to step into so they can wear the box over their shoulders. The child then dresses as an engine driver or fat controller.

Alice in Wonderland: a nice dress or skirt and top, add an apron and alice band and for props carry a soft toy rabbit or a bottle with the label ‘Drink me’

The Cat in the Hat: make a big hat out of cardboard and paint it with red and white stripes. Your child can wear black leggings, a long-sleeved top and some little white gloves. Cut a red bow out of card and put two slits in it, and then use red ribbon to tie it around the neck. You can even put a small toy cat under the hat and carry an umbrella.

Angelina Ballerina: make mouse ears from cardboard or stick ears to a headband. All that's needed then is the faithful ballet outfit and face paints to add whiskers and other mouse features or make a mask from either card or foam. (suggested by Nic R)

Where’s Wally: stripy t-shirt (or use fabric paints on a white t-shirt), cane and a christmas hat, adding a red pom-pom if you have time!

Harry Potter, Ron and Hermione. Harry Potter is a firm favourite and has so many great characters that are easy to find or make costumes for. You need a black gown or cape (from material, trawl the charity shops or even make one out of a garbage bag) then add glasses and a face paint zig zag scar for Harry, curled hair and a soft toy cat for Hermione and a red wig and a soft toy rat for Ron. Twigs make convincing wands for all three.