



## Tudor Grange Academy Redditch

November 2014

Dear Parent/carer,

### **Reading Immersion Day 5: The Chronicles of Narnia**

You will know that we are passionately committed to reading here at Tudor Grange Academy Redditch. One of the very successful strategies that we use to encourage reading each year is to run a Reading Immersion day at school, based on a significant novelist or literary genre, held in the first and last terms of each academic year. The concept behind the day is to immerse the whole school within the creative world of a work of literature, and to remind and encourage students of the joy of reading. Those of you with pupils higher up in the school will remember our very successful days based on: Hogwarts, The Hunger Games, Dickens Day, and most recently, Tolkien Day, which were celebrated in the local press.

I am therefore delighted to inform you that this term's Reading Immersion Day will be based on CS Lewis's Chronicles of Narnia, and be held on the last day of the Autumn term, *Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December*.

On this day, teachers and students are invited to dress up as characters from the chosen texts, and their lessons will be themed and connected. This is a truly cross-curricular approach to reading, where each subject will use an extract and idea from one of the novels to show the way that every subject is enhanced and improved when your son/daughter reads widely. It is important to remember that this is a normal learning day for the students in all other respects: they will cover the curriculum for their subjects, just with a Narnia connection.

The site and the food in the restaurant will also all be themed according to the Chronicles of Narnia. Therefore we would ask that in preparation for this, you help to familiarise your son/daughter with these important works of fiction, which might be in the form of reading one of them together – 'The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe' is probably the most famous of the series. There have been a recent series of films, which you might like to watch, or you might like to do some research with your son/daughter into the series. We would also encourage you to support them in finding a dressing-up outfit which would be relevant to the day. This might be Aslan the lion, Mr Tumnus the fawn, or one of the main human characters – Peter, Susan, Edmund and Lucy. There is a strong winter and Christmas theme to the novel, making it perfect for that time of year, which may help. Go to <http://www.sparknotes.com/lit/lion/characters.html> for a character list, or [www.narnia.com/uk](http://www.narnia.com/uk) for more information.

We look forward to another creative and interesting day of learning together on Friday 19th December, and thank you again for your ongoing support of reading with your son/daughter.



Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact either myself or your son/daughter's form tutor about the day.

Yours faithfully,

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