

22<sup>nd</sup> February 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

### Parents' Evening and World Book Day 2021

I hope that you are all well and feeling good about being able to hand over home schooling duties! You have done a fabulous job of keeping the children engaged through this difficult time and we are looking forward to getting them all back into school for classroom learning.

You may feel that you have heard more than enough from us, with online lessons at home and calls from our welfare and teaching teams. However, we are keen that you have the opportunity for a focused discussion with the class teacher about your child's learning at the time of our usual parents' evenings. Sadly, it will still be some time before this can be a face to face discussion, but we would like you to have the chance to speak to the teacher on the phone. These calls will take place on the following evenings: Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup>, Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> or Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> March.

During the week that the children come back to school, your child's class teacher will be in touch to let you know on which day and roughly when to expect a call.

The other event coming up much sooner than that is World Book Day. We have launched an Old Moat "Masked Reader" competition. Mrs McNicholas has already started promoting and co-ordinating the event, and mysterious masked readers will be posting videos of stories on our blogs and our Facebook page. You will find our blog here [www.oldmoat.manchester.sch.uk/blog](http://www.oldmoat.manchester.sch.uk/blog) and our Facebook page here <https://www.facebook.com/Old-Moat-Primary-School-106366441050103>. Please browse the pages to listen to the stories and to see whether you can guess who the masked readers are! There will be an opportunity to vote for your favourites before the unmasking!

We would also like to celebrate by inviting children who are coming to school AND children learning at home to dress in pyjamas or dress as a book character for the day on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2021. Please remember – World Book Day is not just about the dressing up and the Masked Reader: it's about enjoying books together! Snuggle up together for a read at home. Even 10 minutes a day of reading with your children makes a huge difference.

Happy World Book Day! With kind regards,

Mrs Collier, Mrs McNicholas and the whole Old Moat Team

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