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Dear Children, Parents and Carers

This year, World Book Day is on Thursday 4th March and we would still like to celebrate it, although it be virtually.

As always, the World Book Day organisation have provided all children with a special voucher which entitles them to £1 discount off a book of their choice (or it can be used to purchase one of the special edition books published specifically for the day). Please see the attached voucher which can be used online (Ts and Cs apply!)

In addition to this, the staff of West Leigh Junior School will be holding its first ‘Masked Reader’ event!

This will be very much like the very popular ‘Masked Singer’ television competition, which recently saw Joss Stone sizzle as ‘Sausage’. Each day from Monday to Thursday next week, we will be posting a selection of videos online of members of staff reading an excerpt from a favourite book hidden by a ‘mask’ and the children (and adults!) are invited to try and guess who is behind the mask with the great reveal of all the ‘Masked Readers’ on **Monday March 8th** when we all return. Links to the videos will be posted on all our platforms – Showbie, FaceBook and the school website. There will be no singing for our competition so you do not to find your ear plugs! We hope this provides some fun and merriment at home as you try to figure out the staff member in disguise. Top tip: don’t forget there is a full staff list on the school website!

Throughout the week, you can also find some fantastic opportunities on the Scholastic website <https://shop.scholastic.co.uk/scholastic-live-world-book-day#register> where illustrators and authors are holding live lessons nationwide. There are Tom Gates-style sketching sessions to writing with Vashti Hardy or book clubs with Dan Freedman, Phil Earle and Michael Rosen.

We very much looking forward to celebrating World Book Day 2021 with you. As with everything this year, it may look different but, if anything, we have learnt that reading and escaping to another world through literature is the most wonderful experience.

Yours sincerely

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