

11<sup>th</sup> May 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

I am writing to inform you that this Friday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2021 we will be taking part, once more, in the annual Pyjamarama event 2021. Please see the attached literature regarding the event from the organisers: The Book Trust.

On this day, we would like to invite children to come into school in their pyjamas. Please can we also ask that all children are still wearing appropriate footwear; bring coats; and dressing gowns for extra warmth in class due to all classroom windows needing to remain open in line with our COVID risk assessments. If you have them, thicker onesies are ideal. We do not want the children to be cold and, as the weather is currently a little unpredictable, we ask that you "layer" the children as needed to avoid this. We would also like to request a suggested voluntary contribution of £1 which will then be donated to The Book Trust. This goes towards helping every child to receive a bedtime story as outlined in the accompanying letter. To help us all in keeping safe, rather than your child bringing the voluntary contribution in cash to school, could you please pay directly into our School Fund account using the details: **Sort Code 30-63-55, Account Number 65458368 – name of Account - Myrtle Park Primary School Fund.**

This celebratory day will include reading for pleasure in each class and I would like to encourage you to continue in this vein at home. It would be fantastic if you could make sure you also spend that bit of extra time enjoying sharing a book together before they go to bed. Bedtime stories are a vital part of fostering a love for reading and this love has been shown to directly link to higher levels of literacy competency.

Many thanks for your support and I look forward to digging out my own onesie for Friday and celebrating with the children!

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