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**Mystery Reader**

Dear Parents,

This year we are looking to continue to raise the profile of reading for enjoyment in school. One of the ways in which we would like to promote a love of reading, is by reading more stories to children during class time as well as encouraging them to read more books themselves.

You may recall that in previous years we have trialled a “Mystery Reader” across some of our classes. Mystery Readers are special guests who come to the classroom to read a favourite story or passage from a story to the class. Mystery Readers can be parents, grandparents, older siblings, or other relatives and carers, and may occasionally be other members of staff within school. This allows for the children to experience stories being told by a range of different people other than their class teacher. The role of the Mystery Reader is to remain anonymous until he/she enters the classroom so that is a surprise for their own child as well as the whole class.

**Mystery Readers will be asked to come into school at 2.45 (Key Stage 1) or 3:10 (Key Stage Two) on a Tuesday afternoon**, and sign in at the office before heading to their child’s class. If you are interested in taking part, or would like to nominate another family member please complete the JotForm below **as soon as possible** and the class teacher will get back to you with a suitable date.

JotForm Link: <https://form.jotform.com/233033268667359>

Once you have signed up for a date, all you need to do is choose a suitable book or passage to read to the class. You may wish to use a book or story you know well or that you know is a firm favourite with your own child – props or costumes are most welcome too! If you do not have a book or feel unsure about which books may be suitable the class teacher will be happy to help with suggestions.

We hope that this will create an excitement amongst children each week as we await each Mystery Reader, and we are keen for children to see a range of different role models enjoying stories, particularly keen to encourage male relatives to take part.

We look forward to welcoming you into school to share your chosen stories!

Kind Regards

Miss L Hibbert