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Dear Parents

### **Reading Pyjamarama**

As we are all aware, there are massive benefits to children reading. It exercises the brain, improves concentration, teaches the children about empathy and the world around them, supports language acquisition and develops the children's imagination. Not only do children that read achieve better grades in school but it is fun!

The Reading Team have planned an event for **Reception** and **Year 1** called 'Reading Pyjamarama'. Children will change into their pyjamas or comfy clothes at the end of the school day, they will go into small groups for a story with a teacher and the session will end in the round hall with a cup of hot chocolate and a biscuit. You can pick your children up at 4.00pm from the front of the school.

Reading volunteers (staff) will each take a group of around 10 children to a Year 1 classroom and read some pre-selected stories, which relate to Growth Mindset for half an hour.

The event will run on **Friday 4th March 2022**.

This event, as well as being a chance for your child to enjoy hearing a story or two, will also be a fundraising opportunity so the school can buy additional books for the Reading Hub and classrooms. Tickets will cost £2.50 per child to be paid once you have signed up via ParenMail.

If you would like your child to attend the 'Reading Pyjamarama' you will need to secure your place by submitting the form no later than **3.00 pm on Friday 25 February**. There are limited spaces of 40 children per year available on a first come first served basis. The payment item will be available once places have been allocated.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Thank you for your support!

Jo Choueke

Reading team