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Mystery Reader

Dear Parents & Carers

The week commencing the 29th January is 'National Storytelling Week.' National Storytelling Week is the time to celebrate the power of reading. At Wrenthorpe Academy, we value the importance of stories as they teach us about the world; allow us to step into someone else's shoes and feel empathy; help us to relax and escape; and they are vital for helping to develop essential literacy skills.

During National Storytelling Week, we would like to invite family members in to class to surprise your child by being a 'Mystery Reader.' This could be a grandparent, auntie, uncle, parent or any other member of the family. The mystery reader will read a story to the whole class. **Class teachers will provide the story for the visitor to read.**

Reading is highly valued in our school, and inviting family members into our community of readers strengthens the home-school connection that is so important in helping children to grow as readers.

These storytelling sessions will take place at **3pm** each day **between Monday, 29th January and Friday, 2nd February**. If you would like to sign up to this exciting opportunity, please email school at wrenthorpeoffice@watertonacademytrust.org stating the following:

Your name

The child's name

The child's class

The relationship that you have with the child

The day that you would like to visit (provide more than one day if possible between Monday, 29th January and Friday, 2nd February)

We will respond to your email as soon as we can to confirm your visit. Dates will be allocated on a first come, first served basis so please provide more than one date if possible.

Please do not tell your child if you or a family member are coming to read to your child's class as it is a surprise, and it will be lovely to see their surprised faces! Our children love story time and they will love it even more when one of their family members reads them a story!

Designated Safeguarding Lead: Mrs L Penny

Deputy DSL: Mrs S Mayman, Miss K Harrison

If you are worried a child is at risk of harm, contact one of the above or **Social Care Direct on 0345 8503503**
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We are sure that the children will love this mystery reading opportunity and will be intrigued each day to see who will step through the doors to share an exciting story.

Thank you in advance for your support with this exciting project.

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