



27th January 2025

Dear Parent / Carer,

Stokesley School Readathon 10th - 29th February



We are running a '**Read for Good**' Readathon and we'd love your child to join in. We are running this from 10th - 28th February to encourage all students to read as much as possible over the half term break.

It's been proven that children who read for pleasure are more likely to be successful and happy throughout their lives ([OECD](#)).

The charity Read for Good encourages children to read through its unique motivational approach inspiring reluctant readers to give reading a go, and keen readers to read more widely. Pupils can choose whatever they want to read - from comics to classics and audiobooks to blogs - they are not being assessed, it's all about reading for fun. They should also be motivated to read because the money they raise in sponsorship helps to provide a regular supply of brand new books and a resident storyteller to every major children's hospital in the UK.

Teachers, parents and pupils tell us that the freedom to choose what to read, combined with the knowledge that they are directly helping children in hospital compels pupils to get involved.

All you have to do is:

1. **Take a look at what they plan to read**, or help them complete their list of books to read. Remember they can read whatever they want: books, e-books, poetry, comics – anything goes! Sharing books is fine too (in fact recommended!) as well as listening to audio books.
2. **Help your child find sponsors among family and friends**. The easiest way to sponsor a child is at <https://readathon.secure.force.com/sponsor> (which family and friends can use too) please ensure you add the name of the school and our postcode (TS9 5AL). If all sponsorship payments can be made by the 7th March so that we can promptly share the total money we have raised.

We are aware that the cost of living crisis has affected many families within our school community and any contribution - no matter how small - will help make a difference, and we understand if any family is unable to contribute, but we still would like to encourage you to support your child with reading for pleasure.

Please support your child's sponsored read as much as you can. We are supporting them by giving students a reduced amount of Independent Learning during this time. They'll be helping children in hospitals get books, as well as helping themselves. And our school receives free books worth 20% of our grand sponsorship total – so there really is something in it for everyone.

For more information, check out your child's sponsorship card and visit www.readforgood.org.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'V Wright', written in a cursive style.

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