



Merrydale Junior School

Be the Best you can Be!



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Dear Parents/Carer

Readeoke – 3rd February 2020

On Monday 3rd February, Merrydale Junior School will be joining with our partner schools in developing a love of reading by attempting to get all 4,200 children who attend DSAT schools to share a story with someone. Over the last few months, several authors and members of staff across the DSAT community have been filmed reading an extract of a story. So far there are videos of Michael Rosen, Stew Foster, Andy Cope, Neil Griffiths to name a few. The aim of these videos is to entertain and promote storytelling.

You will be able to access these videos via the link below with one video being uploaded each day during February.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC15wYHt4NFQELe46BUcsggg/videos>

To follow these videos up, we are setting a challenge for all of the children and grown-ups at Merrydale and we would like to invite you to join us with this challenge by coming into school. Classrooms will be open between 8.45am and 10.30am for you to take some time to enjoy a book or two with your child. To celebrate there will be the opportunity for you to have your photo taken with our car selfie boards.

These photos will be shared on the schools' Twitter page @MerrydaleJunior and DSAT's Literacy account @DSATLiteracy accompanied by the hashtag #CarpoolReadeoke.

After you have spent time in your child's classrooms, you are invited to join us for refreshments which will be served in the hall.

We are very much looking forward to welcoming you on the 3rd February.

Yours Sincerely,

Laura Hackett
Assistant Headteacher

