

## **SCHOOL HEADED PAPER**

### **DATE**

### **A Community Book Drive for Our Book Hut**

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are delighted to continue partnering with the Children's Book Project and you, our school's families, to keep the joy of reading alive at our school. We hope your child enjoyed browsing and choosing books from the selection of books in our Book Hut during the Autumn term. It's always wonderful to see their excitement!

As we start the Spring term and the National Year of Reading, we'd like to invite your family to join a simple, meaningful, and completely voluntary activity: a **community Book Drive**.

We warmly invite pupils (and families) to bring in any gently used books they've grown out of and no longer need. These books will go straight into our Book Hut, so other children can discover them, and take them home to enjoy. The Children's Book Project (who loan us the bright green Book Hut) will also send an extra donation of books in the summer term so that all pupils will have a further opportunity to select books to take home and treasure.

A book drive within our school community will give pupils the chance to:

- Pass on stories they've loved and have grown out of
- Feel proud of giving back to their school community
- Discover "new-to-them" books in the Book Hut
- Share recommendations and explain why a book was special

It's especially powerful when older pupils pass books to younger ones, acting as a reading 'mentor' by modelling positive reader identities for younger readers.

Launching the Book Drive in the Spring term fits perfectly with the many inspiring events happening during the National Year of Reading. It keeps the reading momentum going and gives children an active role in looking after our Book Hut.

The important thing is that participation is entirely optional - there's no expectation, and is only if you and your child feel ready to share onwards.

For more details about the Children's Book Project, please visit <https://childrensbookproject.co.uk>.