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CAPITAL SCHOOLS CELEBRATE THE YEAR OF READING 'READATHON'

Dear Parents,

Stories have a wonderful way of bringing people together, and this year, we are thrilled to be part of something truly special.

As part of Sefton's **Year of Reading**, Pritchard's Bookshop in Crosby Village is sponsoring local schools to celebrate reading in the community. 15 schools are joining forces for an exciting reading adventure that combines imagination, teamwork, and a little bit of running! Some junior pupils from each school will take part in a relay, carrying a story from one school to the next.

In school over the month of October, we will be taking part multiple events and initiatives such as reading competitions, reading in unusual places, library visits, book fairs etc.

On Wednesday October 14th, the day of the event, we'd love all children to come dressed in a white T-shirt or shirt decorated with something inspired by their favourite book. This could be a favourite character, a memorable quote, or an illustration. Staff will be joining in too!

This is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate our love of reading and to spark imagination, curiosity and creativity across the school.

If you're unable to find a white T-shirt or shirt, please don't worry. Simply attach or pin a picture to your child's school uniform top so they can still take part in the fun. We can't wait to see everyone's fantastic creations!



This project is about so much more than writing a story. It is about children sharing ideas, inspiring one another, and discovering the joy that reading and storytelling can bring. As the story travels from school to school, it will grow with every child who contributes, becoming a unique celebration of creativity and community.

The journey will culminate in a memorable finale when the completed story is read by the acclaimed children's author **Frank Cottrell-Boyce**. What better way to celebrate our young writers and readers than to have their work brought to life by one of the country's most beloved storytellers?

We hope this project will spark conversations about books, encourage children to read for pleasure, and remind us all of the magic that can be found within the pages of a story. Most importantly, it demonstrates what can be achieved when schools come together with a shared purpose and a shared love of reading.

Together, let's celebrate reading, imagination, and the power of stories to connect us all.

Yours sincerely

K Scott

Headteacher