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Dear Parents/Carers of EYFS and Year 1,

At Broadstone First School, reading for pleasure is a serious business. We are passionate about ensuring all our children are not only confident readers but also that they too have a love of reading, being inspired to read.

As part of our mission to further promote the love of reading. We are delighted to share that every child in Reception and Year 1 will be presented with their very own Reading Hero.

As we already know children live in their own world filled with adventure and fantasy, and evidently feel safe and playful around their favourite toys. A recent study found that a soft toy companion can help to induce reading habits in children, encouraging them to read more regularly.

These Reading Heroes will be coming home with your child today and are their very own hero to keep and look after. Along with the bear, an adoption certificate will be presented. We ask that you spend time with your child naming your hero. Parents please do not worry these bears do not require much looking after, except from being read too regularly. Luckily your child will be able to take care of this for you.

These Heroes are for you to keep at home, encouraging your child to read to them regularly. We would love to see pictures and updates of all the reading you have been doing with your Hero for us to share in school. Please do send pictures into the school office via office@broadstonefirst.poole.sch.uk or in your child's book bag. The class teachers will be asking the children about their bears throughout the year.

As much as we are sad to see our Heroes leave us, we are so pleased that they are going to be well loved and read to lots. We can't wait to see what they have been up to.

So, cuddle up with your Reading Hero and remember Read, Read and READ some more!



As always, if you have any questions please do get in contact with your child's class teacher.

Best wishes

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