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'Jolabokafloð'

Dear Parents/Carers,

In light of the recent 'World Kindness Day' and with kindness being more important and prevalent than ever considering the current climate, I am writing to ask you to join in with an up-and-coming Nightingale 'Act of Kindness'. This year, we want to take inspiration from Iceland, embarking on a new winter holiday tradition...

Every Christmas Eve, the Icelandic people practice something called 'Jolabokafloð', which translates to 'Christmas book flood'. Jolabokafloð involves giving books as presents on Christmas Eve so that friends and family can spend a cosy night in, curled up enjoying a good story.

At Nightingale, we are always looking for new ways to encourage our children to become lifelong readers and, with things looking a little different this festive period, we hope that this will be the perfect way to bring our community together.

We are therefore asking that families donate a book which would be suitable for your own child's age group – e.g. if you have a child in Year 2, the book you donate would be gifted to another Year 2 child. These books can either be new or include second-hand books that are in impeccable condition (as good as new). We ask that books are handed to your child's class teacher no later than Friday 4th of December, along with any wrapping paper you can spare. These books will then be wrapped in school and every child will take home (after they have been quarantined) their very own gifted book on the last day of term, ready to open on Christmas Eve!

Purchasing new books does not have to cost much and there are lots of wonderful books that can be bought from supermarkets or online at reasonable prices (some no more than a couple of pounds). These include, *The Works* (www.theworks.co.uk), and *Amazon* (www.amazon.co.uk).

When children return in the New Year, they will be encouraged to discuss the book that they were given, sharing their reading experience and possibly even reading their favourite part out to the class or with a friend.

We hope to begin a new Nightingale tradition of reading over the festive period and continue to embrace developing a love of reading for all those who walk through our doors; so much so that all staff members at NPS will also be partaking in their very own 'Jolabokafloð' at school!

This initiative should not only increase the excitement and enjoyment of reading, but should hopefully bring everyone some added Christmas cheer during these difficult and uncertain times as well.

In-keeping with our celebration of books and reading, the Travelling Book Fair will also be in school during the week commencing Monday 30th November. Children will have an opportunity throughout the week to look at the books for sale and will bring home a wish list of their two favourite books. There will be opportunities for parents to purchase additional books, if they so wish. For further information around this, please visit the school website.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Kind regards,



Mrs Lauren Trumble
Deputy Headteacher