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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are delighted to let you know that, as part of our **World Book Day celebrations**, the children will be taking part in the **Team Evie Reading Challenge** from **Monday 2nd March to Friday 6th March 2026**. This year is particularly special as **Team Evie** is celebrating its **10th anniversary**, and we are excited to support this wonderful cause while promoting our shared love of reading.

What is the Team Evie Reading Challenge?

The challenge is simple and designed to be inclusive for all ages. Each child will:

- Receive a **sponsor card** and a **bookmark**
- Set themselves a **personal reading challenge** to complete over one week

For example:

- A 5-year-old may choose: *"I will listen to my mum read two books to me each night."*
- A 10-year-old may challenge themselves to read a full *Harry Potter* book.

Children then ask family and friends to sponsor them and support their reading challenge.

What happens to the money raised?

All money raised helps Team Evie provide **portable library trolleys** for children's wards in hospitals. Every book purchased using funds raised by a school will include a special message to say **which school has provided it**.

If a school raises enough money, it could even fund a **full library of books**, proudly displaying the school's name.

Reading to children in hospital has been proven to:

- Aid children's recovery
- Strengthen family bonds
- Provide comfort and a sense of normality during difficult times

What happens next?

Children will be bringing their **sponsor forms home**, and we would be very grateful for your support and encouragement during the week of the challenge.

Thank you for helping us celebrate reading, support children in hospital, and mark **10 fantastic years of Team Evie**.

Kind regards,

Miss Heron (English Co-ordinator)

