

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2022

**RE: Frankie's Read Along**

Dear Parents and Carers,

At a time that suits you, the week commencing Monday 7th February 2022, please set aside just ten minutes of your time to read a story to your child, grandchild, niece or nephew in memory of Lucy and Alex's beautiful baby boy, Frankie.

Alex and Lucy, who are very close friends of Miss Stocks, devastatingly lost Frankie's life at just four weeks old after he was born prematurely.

Alex got a tattoo from the children's book 'Room on the Broom' by Julia Donaldson, a story that Lucy read many times to Frankie during his time in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at Leeds Children's Hospital. It was this that has inspired #frankiesreadalong. The read along was inspired by the power of story time and how reading Frankie stories, whilst he was in his incubator, provided him with a great deal of comfort.

The aim of this is to get as many people, families and children as possible to read 'Room on the Broom' to the special little people in their lives and donate whatever they can to help babies and their families on the unit. If you can, please donate. All the funds raised will go straight to Leeds General Infirmary NICU to help support other families of premature or seriously ill babies.

If you do not have the book, please find a video of Miss Stocks reading it on the school twitter page.

You will find the associated links below:

Read more about Alex and Lucy's story here:

<https://www.leedshospitalscharity.org.uk/news/room-on-the-broom-fundraising-read-a-long-in-memory-of-baby-frankie>

The Just Giving Page to donate to the NICU here:

[https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/S-Munby?fbclid=IwAR3Or7xeGXyzHnK5o4OhORT2Cua6L7J5wobjSS0OxILbYLK3oht\\_bHU4Ajl](https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/S-Munby?fbclid=IwAR3Or7xeGXyzHnK5o4OhORT2Cua6L7J5wobjSS0OxILbYLK3oht_bHU4Ajl)

Please also tweet your pictures using the @OPA\_LL page and the hashtag #frankiesreadalong

Thank you,

Miss Stocks