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Dear Headteacher,

Lancashire's Reading Journey Summer 2015

As we approach the summer holidays I would like to let you know of an exciting new venture that all Lancashire Libraries will be running throughout the summer. The **Lancashire Reading Journey** will run from **Saturday 18th July until Saturday 26th September**.

The Lancashire Reading Journey is not just about reading books but also about coming to events, visiting museums, writing stories, taking part in digital activities and much more. To finish the journey children must complete eight tasks out of a choice of 25. They receive a prize after completing 4 tasks, (a pencil) and after 8 tasks have been achieved they will receive a certificate and collectable badge. The badges feature some of our characters from the Lancashire Reading Trail, our year round reading scheme available in all Lancashire libraries.

The Lancashire Reading Journey is free to join and everyone aged four to 11 can participate and any books read will also count towards our Lancashire Reading Trail Reading Scheme.

All libraries will be holding various events and activities throughout the summer and these will be advertised in the venues and on the Lancashire Libraries website: www.lancashire.gov.uk/libraries.

We are delighted that the author Steve Hartley is supporting the Lancashire Reading Journey. This year, the school with the most children completing the journey as a percentage of their intake, will receive a free author visit by Steve, so there is a chance for even the smallest of schools to be win this fabulous prize.

I would be grateful if you could encourage all the children at your school to come along to the library over the summer months to take part in the Lancashire Reading Journey and support us in our first year of running our own Lancashire scheme.

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The Lancashire Reading Journey is an ideal way of keeping children's literacy levels up over the summer break. Teachers and education professionals often speak about the importance for children to keep the habit of reading for pleasure whilst away from school, so library staff will be visiting school assemblies over the next few weeks to tell children all about the Lancashire Reading Journey.

Yours sincerely

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