



April 2024

*The more that you read, the more things you will know.
The more that you learn, the more places you'll go.*

Dr. Seuss

Dear Parent/Guardian

We are running a **Readathon Sponsored Read** with Year 7 and 8 students this half term. The purpose of the sponsored read is to raise money to support the charity **Read for Good**, who enable children in major hospitals to continue to enjoy reading by providing them with new books, and also to support the purchase of new books for our own school library.

The sponsored read opens on Monday 29 April, for two weeks, and the closing date is Friday 17 May, 2024. **All forms and sponsorship should be returned to your child's English Teacher by Friday 24 May 2024.**

The charity **Read for Good** encourages children to read through its unique motivational approach inspiring reluctant readers to give reading a go, and keen readers to read more widely. It has been proven that children who read for pleasure are more likely to be successful and happy throughout their lives. Students can choose whatever they want to read - from comics to classics and audio books to blogs - they are not being assessed, it is all about reading for fun. Additionally, they are motivated to read because the money they raise in sponsorship helps to provide a regular supply of brand-new books and a resident storyteller to every major children's hospital in the UK.

In our drive to provide students with the very latest in reading books here at school, we are also able to use 20% of the donated money to support the purchase of new and up-to-date books for the school library.

All you have to do is:

1. **Take a look at what they plan to read, and sign to confirm that your child has completed the amount of reading stated on the form.** You could help them complete their list of books to read. Remember they can read whatever they want: books, e-books, poetry, comics – anything goes! Sharing books with your child is fine too (in fact recommended!) as well as listening to audio books.
2. **Help your child find sponsors among family and friends.** Sponsor cards and Readathon reading logs should be returned to school by Friday 24 May 2024. Sponsorship payment can be made online by scanning the QR code on the Readathon Sponsor Card. If you prefer to pay by cheque, please make cheques payable to '**Read for Good**' and return these to school.



For more information, check out your child's sponsorship card and visit: www.readforgood.org. There are also links to recommended reading lists on our school website.

Thank you for your support – helping your child to keep reading, raising and being amazing!

Yours sincerely

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