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Dear Parents and Families

As you are aware, in September, we invested in new digital library software, Sora. We have been overwhelmed by the engagement shown in accessing books via this new app by our learners. In November, 1057 books were read. This is amazing! We have recently updated the library and added some additional books which feature on our Reading Inspiration lists. Please encourage your child to have a look and continue using this free resource.

We recently announced the Autumn 1 competition winners, awarded for the longest time spent reading on Sora. These learners received book tokens, achievement points, certificates and chocolates. The deadline for the Autumn 2 Sora Reading competition is Monday 14th December. English teachers will be taking in the data for their classes on this date.

In response to parental and learner feedback, we have launched an additional competition, for learners who prefer to read a paper book, as opposed to a digital one. Learners have a ’12 Days of Christmas Reading Challenge,’ which has been launched today. Learners are encouraged to meet the 12 challenges and provide their English teachers with evidence. All who enter will receive a Bronze Reading Award badge, certificates and achievement points. The best entries from each year will also win a book token. For more information on this competition, please visit out Twitter page, and see the attached flyer.

Today you will also receive a request to complete a new reading survey, which focuses on everything we have done this term. We would appreciate you taking the time to fill in this survey, to allow us to continue improving our Reading for Pleasure culture across the school. We really do value your feedback.

Thank you so much for all of your support in promoting reading with your children this term. Have a lovely Christmas, and I look forward to sending you the new Reading Newsletter in January, where there will be information about the exciting events we have in store for World Book Day this year. If you need any inspiration for books to buy your child for Christmas, please visit the library page on the school website where you will find the Reading Inspiration lists.

Yours sincerely

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