



"Inspiring minds to ignite lifelong learning"



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Dear Parents/ Guardians,

We are delighted to let you know that KS1's popular **Stay and Read** sessions will be beginning again on **Friday 6th October**.

From 8.40 to 8.55am every Friday morning we are inviting you to come into your child's classroom and read with your child. You can bring a book from home, their school books or read any book from the class library. Our aim is for it to be a peaceful start to a Friday where you can simply enjoy sharing a book with your child and continue to develop their love of reading.

Entry into school will be via the normal way, so Year 1 through their wet area and Year 2 through the dinner hall. There will be sign in sheets in those areas to allow us to keep an accurate picture of numbers within school and we would ask you to sign your name before making your way to the classroom. Please leave via the same way and sign out.

Coinciding with Stay and Read beginning again, we are excited to announce the launch of our **KS1 Reading Star** award. This will celebrate those children who have been reading superstars during the past week.

This award will reflect learning taking place at home and within school. This means they can earn the award by reading at home or by impressing adults in school. It will also take into account their use of phonics and how they apply their learning in other areas of the curriculum.

Children will receive a certificate in class on a Friday afternoon and be able to choose an item from their class reward box.

This has been explained to the children and as you can imagine they are very excited! As we all know reading is hugely important and we hope you will support us by promoting this with the children and helping us to instil a love of reading. We appreciate that life is often busy, which is why we wanted to take this opportunity to remind you that even reading one page is better than nothing at all. In addition, it does not have to be school books that are read at home and can even be recipes or instructions! Please sign their reading records whenever you read at home.

We hope you can see the benefit of Stay and Read and our new Reading Stars. We look forward to welcoming you to our first Stay and Read session on Friday 6th October and we are excited to award our first Reading Stars on the same day.

Kind regards,

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KS1 Phase Leader