

*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 Parents,

To celebrate this half term's golden thread 'life-long readers' we are running a '**Read for Good' Readathon** and we'd love all our pupils to join in. It's been proven that children who read for pleasure are more likely to be successful and happy throughout their lives (OECD).

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. Pupils can choose whatever they want to read - from comics to classics and audio books to blogs - they are not being assessed, it's all about reading for fun. Pupils 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.

We launched the Readathon with the children in school yesterday and they are all very excited! Tomorrow, we will be sending pupils home with their very own sponsorship card and bookmark.

All you have to do is:

1. **Take a look at what they plan to read**, or 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 is fine too (in fact recommended!) as well as listening to audio books.
2. **Help your child find sponsors among family and friends.** The easiest way to sponsor a child is at <https://readathon.secure.force.com/sponsor> (which family and friends can use too) or return sponsorship money via Parent Pay.

Please support your child's sponsored read as much as you can. They'll be helping children in hospitals get books, as well as helping themselves. Additionally, our school receives free books worth 20% of our grand sponsorship total – so there really is something in it for everyone. For more information, check out your child's sponsorship card and visit www.readforgood.org.

Our Readathon will run from **Thursday 17th February until Thursday 3rd March (World Book day)** when the children will be invited to come to school dressed as a favourite book character in the time-honoured way! This will also be the deadline for any sponsor money collected. We do understand that some families may not be in a position to collect sponsor money or may prefer to just give a small donation. Any contribution would be gratefully received.



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