



September 2019

Dear Parent/Carer,

We are running a **Read for Good Sponsored Read** with Year 7 students and we would love your child 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. Students can choose whatever they want to read - from comics to classics and audio books to blogs. They are not being assessed, just all about reading for fun. Students 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.

Teachers, parents and students tell us that the freedom to choose what to read, combined with the knowledge that they are directly helping children in hospital compels students to get involved.

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 the sponsor card with cash sent to school in a named envelop by Thursday 17th October 2019.

Please support your child's sponsored read as much as you can. They'll be helping kids in hospitals get books, as well as helping themselves. Plus, our school receives free books worth 20% of our grand sponsorship total – so there really is something in it for everyone.

There are a number of additional ways students can help create a buzz about reading:

- bring in a copy of what they are reading to Our Space at lunchtime on Thursdays so we can create a photo montage
- write mini-reviews and hand to their English teacher
- join some of the book and story comic clubs that will be running this term.

Further information will be given to students during English lessons and tutor times and reward points are available for students who take part.

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

Best wishes,

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