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Dear Parents and Carers,

Reading is a vital skill and in the last couple of years, parent readers have made a huge difference to our children's reading attainment. We are writing to you to ask if there are any parents or family members who would like to volunteer to listen to our children read during guided reading sessions. We started this two years ago and there has been a huge success in both Reception and Year 1. Our aim has been for every child to read to an adult every day and this is our aim again this year. We also have 1 to 1 readers across school with classes at other times of the day if this fits in better with your week.

Last year 90% of our Year 1 pupils passed the national Phonics Screening Check and 96% passed the year before. This is a fantastic achievement, due to a combination of family support from home, great teaching and our all important reading volunteers. So please come into school and make a difference to our children's reading.

The group sessions take place every morning from 9.00-9.30am and involve listening to a group of children read whilst supporting them to word build and understand the story. In KS1 previously, parents, families and friends came into school and had a short session with Miss Buffery who ran a workshop on how we hear children read and what to do when you come in and read with a group. Reading volunteers said this was really helpful and we are going to run it again on Wednesday 20th March from 9am to 9.30am. If you are interested please come along and find out about being a volunteer.

In addition to this, after half term all children across the school will read for pleasure for 40 minutes on a Friday afternoon at 2.45pm. During this time teachers and teaching assistants will hear children read 1 to 1. This is incredibly important and valuable to improve fluency, confidence and to assess the next steps in learning.

The more adults we have on a Friday afternoon from 2:45pm – 3:20pm the more children will be heard read. Please could you consider coming into school a little earlier on a Friday to join us to raise standards with reading and listen to our fantastic children share a book. I can't think of a better way to spend half an hour!

If you would like to be involved or continue to be involved with supporting reading, please return the reply slip below. We ask new volunteers to attend the training session and all volunteers will require a DBS check, which school will organise.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Kindest Regards,

Lisa Buffery
Headteacher



Reading Volunteers' Reply Slip

Your name..... Child's name..... Class.....

I can offer my support on these days.....

I would like to become a reading volunteer for group sessions with Reception, Year 1 or Year 2

I would like to be a reading volunteer and read 1 to 1 with children from Year 2 to Year 6 during the week

I would like to be a reading volunteer on a Friday at 2:50pm – 3:20pm

I will be attending the workshop on Wednesday 20th March from 9am to 9.30am YES / NO

