

*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 Families,

We are running a **Read for Good Readathon** between Thursday 25th February 2021 and Thursday 4th March 2021 and we would love your child to join in.

It has 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. Children can choose whatever they want to read - from comics to classics and audio books to blogs - they are not being assessed, it is all about reading for fun. And, they 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, families and children tell us that the freedom to choose what to read, combined with the knowledge that they are directly helping children in hospital compels children 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.** We are asking for any sponsorship to be paid via <https://readathon.secure.force.com/sponsor> (which family and friends can use too). Search for '**Lanesend**' and then click the 2nd option.

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. And our school receives free books worth 20% of our grand sponsorship total - so there really is something in it for everyone. Please send in any photographs of your child and family reading; the more unusual the place the better.

For more information, check out your child's sponsorship card and visit www.readforgood.org.

Kind regards

Miss Hopkinson

