



Readathon 28th September – 21st October

Dear Parents and Carers,

Excitingly, it is almost time for this year's Readathon!

This year's sponsored read is set to be bigger and better than ever. Not only will we be raising money for a brilliant cause, but we will also be tallying how many minutes, as a whole-school community, we spend reading. Points will be awarded to the house with the most reading minutes, with merits and National Book Tokens awarded as prizes to students who demonstrate exceptional participation.

Research has found that children who read for pleasure are more likely to experience positive outcomes throughout their lives (OECD, 2002).

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 audiobooks to blogs. They are not being assessed; it's all about reading for fun!

Students are also motivated by the knowledge that the money they raise through sponsorship helps provide a regular supply of brand-new books and a resident storyteller to every major children's hospital in the UK.

If you would like to find out more about the charity Read for Good, please visit their website: [here](#).

Next week, tutors will hand out sponsor cards. You can find the steps for taking part on the next page. And you can sponsor your child online: [here](#).

That said, the main goal of our Readathon is to get students excited about reading and to encourage everyone to take part in the challenge together. Please do encourage your child to participate, even if you are not in a position to make a donation.

To watch the Readathon presentation, please visit the Parent Letters section of the school website: [here](#).

Kind regards,
Ms Barker-Harrold
Librarian