



April 2019

Dear Parent/Carer

Readathon

Year 7 pupils will be taking part in our annual Readathon which runs from Monday 29 April until Friday 14 June.

This year we are incorporating the sponsored reading event into our weekly library lessons. Pupils will be introduced to Readathon in their first library lesson after the Easter holiday. The success of our fundraising depends on friends and family encouraging pupils to complete their reading challenge and sponsoring them for their efforts. The money raised supports charities which help children in hospital by providing books and storytellers, especially helping those who undergo repeated or long term stays.

As well as having the satisfaction that they are fundraising for a worthy cause, your child will benefit from reading a range of materials:

"It's been proven that children who read for pleasure are more likely to be successful and happy throughout their lives" (OECD).

"The charity encourages children to read through its unique motivational approach, inspiring reluctant readers to give reading a go, and keen readers to read more widely." (Read for Good)

As a bonus our school will receive free books worth 20% of the value of the money we raise.

You can find more information on the sponsor card your child will bring home, including what they are planning to read for their own personal reading challenge, with lots more information available on the Read for Good website: <https://readforgood.org/>

Please support our Readathon by helping your child find friends and family to sponsor them; find out what they are reading, read along with them and share the fun.

There are two ways to donate:

- **Online** <https://readforgood.org/sponsor-a-pupil-taking-part-in-readathon/> and then complete and return the sponsorship card.
- **Send cash or cheque** to Pupil Services. Please make cheques payable to Read for Good and put your name and address on the back. Put your cash or cheque, together with the sponsorship card, in an envelope marked with your child's name and form.

Whichever way you decide to donate please fill in the sponsorship card in full if you are a UK tax payer – Read for Good can only claim the extra 25% tax if you give your full surname and initials, your full address and postcode *and* tick the Gift Aid box. Please send your donation by **Friday 14 June**.

We would like to thank you in advance for your generosity and for supporting your child's reading.

Yours faithfully

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