



Wednesday, 27th September 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

EYFS and Key Stage 1 Reading Books

To further aid our pupils with acquiring good skills when reading, we have made some changes to the distribution of reading books.

In EYFS, the pupils will now receive one reading book per week. This will be phonics based and will be chosen using the sounds that they have covered during their phonics lessons at school. These books will be selected and sent home the week commencing 9th October. This will ensure that the pupils have had two full weeks in their new forms to settle and adapt to the daily phonics routine. Please ensure that you read for 10 minutes daily with your child and leave a short comment in their planner.

In Key Stage 1, pupils will be receiving two reading books per week according to their ability, after our initial assessments are complete. These will be changed every Monday. All pupils in Key Stage 1 will have these reading books by Monday, 2nd October.

We also expect KS1 pupils to read for 10 minutes every day at home with an adult, in addition to the reading that takes place at school. We kindly ask that you also leave a short comment in their planner with regards their reading accomplishments for each 10-minute session with you. This lets your child's teacher know that the book has been read. It also indicates to us that the book is ready to be changed the following Monday. Please be aware that we assess pupils' reading regularly and that these assessments inform the level of book given to each individual.

In addition to their reading books in EYFS and KS1, your child will bring home a school library book each week. These books are chosen by the pupils and are designed to develop reading for pleasure. These books may not always be suitable for your child's reading level, and are intended to be shared with an adult at home. The adult may need to lead the reading of these books, emphasising how to read with expression, appropriate pace and so on.

A key focus in the Primary Phase is to enhance the pupils' understanding and comprehension of the texts they read. I will be in touch in the coming weeks to invite you to a Reading Workshop, where additional resources to support your child's reading will be provided and I will explain how to develop your child's understanding of the texts they read. Please note that we will listen to your child read at least twice per week throughout EYFS and KS1.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'C. Byrne'.

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