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### Encouraging Your Child's Reading for Pleasure: Our school library catalogue online and introducing 'Who Next' and the iMLS App

Dear Parent / Carer,

Our school is strongly committed to improving literacy and knows the importance of reading for pleasure. There is good evidence to suggest that young people who read for pleasure daily go on to become lifelong readers. We want to encourage children to enjoy reading and to read a wide range of good quality literature.

I am delighted to inform you that the school has recently made a significant investment in our library with the introduction of a new online version of our library catalogue. The new system allows pupils, staff and parents to view our school library catalogue online and pupils are encouraged to use this to help with research, to write reviews about books they have read and search for new books and other library resources. Please follow link for demonstration of what can be done.

<http://www.microlib.co.uk/videos/New%20Reading%20Cloud/Video.htm>

The system includes a fantastic new feature called 'Who Next' which recommends new books and authors based on the books that your child has already read. You will be able to use this feature at home to help your child select their next book.

You can access the system via the school website or directly using the following link:  
<https://www.readingcloud.net/>

If you have access to an iPhone, iPad, iPod touch or Android phone, then you can also download a new App called 'iMLS' to access the library from those devices. The app is available from the App Store and Android Market.

Having the library accessible in this way and having parents engaged with reading will help support our commitment to improving literacy standards.

**Each child has a user name and password. Their username is the barcode number that they have been given (needs to be kept safe) and their password is their date of birth in the format of DDMMYYYY. No slashes or dots. For example, the 11<sup>th</sup> May 2006 would be 11052006.**

We hope you find the new facility useful and welcome any feedback.

Yours faithfully,

Mark Clutsom (Headteacher)



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