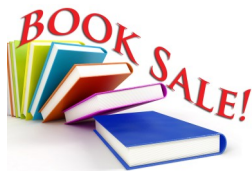


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Dear Parents,

You may have read an article in the Ipswich star recently about the fencing around our school and the safeguarding issues that this presents. Myself and the governors risk assess this regularly but this year, after coming back from the summer holidays we discovered that the year 1 playhouse had been burnt down. The fire brigade were called and were able to put the fire out quickly but it led us to re-assess the situation regarding site access. I am delighted to report that after the article came out a local authority representative visited Dale Hall promptly to review this and have agreed to helping us fund security fencing to the front of the school.

This will not only prevent people from the outside accessing our site but also prevent children from gaining direct access to the road from the playground. However, we are ever mindful of making sure that the fencing will blend in with the hedging and not look offensive so please be assured we will do our very best not to change the view too much!

Our recent book sale raised over **£2000** so **THANKYOU** for supporting us with this. We plan to use this money to buy 30 reading books per classroom, wrap them up and make a 'Reading Christmas Tree'. On the last day of Autumn term, each child in the school will open a present containing a book, relevant to their key stage/reading age and be able to share this with a friend. This book will then form part of our new class library **HOWEVER.....**

We will not have enough money to buy 412 books *so we need your help!*

On parent's evening we will have envelopes containing a request for a book for you to purchase for your child's class. You will also find a specially printed book plate which we would like you to write and glue into the book once you have purchased it. If you could then wrap up the book in Christmas paper and send it in with your child they can put it on the Reading Christmas Tree. On the last day of term, each child will receive a book to open and share with a friend which will then be put in our class libraries for all the children to enjoy- with a special message from yourselves inside. If this is something you would like to do then please take an envelope from your child's class teacher on the night.

Just a reminder that our **OPEN EVENING** will be on **Wednesday 21st of November from 7.00pm.** There will be an opportunity to hear all about our school journey so far and where we plan to go to next. There will be drinks and snacks as well as a chance to chat to our staff, governors and other parents. Please note that this evening is for parents and carers only. We really hope to see you there.....

