

Parents Reading Survey 2017

Many thanks indeed to all parents who spared a moment to complete the reading survey; we very much appreciate the time that you spent completing it and value all your views and feedback.

Your responses and comments provide us with important insights into the role of books and literacy at home and offer suggestions for how we might develop practice and provision in school. We have noted all specific questions that were raised by your comments and will seek to address any areas where a concern has been raised.

In the meantime, thank you for your support and partnership in our shared aim of nurturing independent readers and a rich literary start in life for all Meldreth Primary School children.



Our survey showed that:

- Over 85% of parents read regularly with their children at home;
- About 75% of children enjoy a regular bedtime story at home
- 80% of children enjoy reading at home;
- About 85% of children choose to read at home independently;
- About a third of children make regular visits to the library or to bookshops.

You said *"Time constraints mean we cannot always fit reading in."*

We recognize that it is hard to make time every day for reading, and stress that it should be a pleasurable activity, so a less frequent but more positive reading experience can be worth a lot.

You said *"...[My child is] too old for bedtime stories"*

We understand that some children will feel they have outgrown the need for a bedtime story, however we do find that our most able and creative writers are frequently those who enjoy an ongoing bedtime story throughout their primary school experience.



You said *"It is often a struggle to get [her] to read to us."*

We understand that not all children will automatically want to read, which is why we stress the importance of building good routines and reading culture at home. A little and often can go a long way.

You said *"I'd like more information to support your child as they become a strong independent reader."*

We are always keen to discuss any issues of concern regarding your child's learning. As well as parents' evening discussions and occasional meetings, we can offer recommended reading lists and information to support your child whatever their age or skill as a reader.

As a result of our survey, we aim to:

- Ensure that all families are provided with information about how to support their children with reading at different stages of development;
- Provide more support for parents whose children are unwilling or reluctant to read at home;
- Offer book promotions and book events in school, such as the Roald Dahl day we held in September, bookswaps, reading clubs etc.
- Ensure that our classroom libraries continue to be well stocked and updated with current, diverse and popular titles to meet the interests and needs of all children.

We find that there is a strong and positive literary culture among children and their families in school. However we can see that there are children who need more support in becoming well-motivated and independent readers and we will continue to work to ensure that all of our children can really develop a lifelong love of reading and literature.

