

Bottisham Community Primary School

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*The more that you read, the more things you will know.
The more that you learn, the more places you'll go.
- Dr. Seuss*

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are running an optional **Read for Good Sponsored Read** and we'd love it if your child chose to join in.

It's been proven that children who read for pleasure are more likely to be successful and happy throughout their lives (OECD). The charity **Read for Good** encourages children to read through its unique motivational approach inspiring reluctant readers to give reading a go, and keen readers to read more widely. Pupils can choose whatever they want to read - from comics to classics and audio books to blogs - they are not being assessed, it's all about reading for fun. And, they are motivated to read because the money they raise in sponsorship helps to provide a regular supply of brand new books and a resident storyteller to every major children's hospital in the UK.

Teachers, parents and pupils tell us that the freedom to choose what to read, combined with the knowledge that they are directly helping children in hospital compels pupils to get involved.

This is an optional sponsored read for all Key Stage 2 children, and will be running for the next 4 weeks. Mrs Walker (Elm class) would love to receive any completed sponsorship cards at the end of the sponsored read in the last week of term (by **Friday 5th April**). All children who take part will be recognised in celebration assembly, given a certificate and put into a draw to win a special prize.

All you have to do is:

1. **Take a look at what they plan to read**, or help them complete their list of books to read. Remember they can read whatever they want: books, e-books, poetry, comics – anything goes! Sharing books is fine too (in fact recommended!) as well as listening to audio books. Encourage your child to visit our school library every Thursday lunch time if they need inspiration.
2. **Help your child find sponsors among family and friends**. The easiest way to sponsor a child is at www.readforgood.org/sponsor (which family and friends can use too) or return the sponsor card in a sealed, named envelope, with a cheque(s) or cash sent to school.

Please support your child's sponsored read as much as you can. They'll be helping kids in hospitals get books, as well as helping themselves. And our school receives free books worth 20% of our grand sponsorship total – so there really is something in it for everyone.

For more information, check out your child's sponsorship card coming home today and visit www.readforgood.org.

Thank you for your support – helping your child to keep reading, raising and being amazing!

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