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*Aim High*

*Never Give Up*

*Follow Your Dream*

*Lead By Example*

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2017

Dear Parents/Carers,

Last academic year, we were delighted by the number of children who were reading regularly at home. This had a noticeable impact on children's achievements in school.

In reviewing the process, we hope that children have now built good reading habits and are reading for enjoyment not just for the chance of receiving a prize. It became difficult as the year progressed to make sure that these prizes were worthwhile and affordable. We recognise however, that some children still need this incentive. Therefore we will be rewarding pupils with a raffle ticket which will enter them into a prize draw for a larger prize per class.

We continue to expect all children to read at least 5 times per week. Reading records will be checked on Fridays and any child who has read at least 5 times across the week will be given a raffle ticket. Each class will collect their raffle tickets and at the end of each half term, a ticket will be selected from each box and the winning child awarded with a prize. This will begin on **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September**.

Home reading sessions can include:

- Independent reading
- Reading aloud to an adult
- Sharing a book - child and adult read alternate pages
  - child reads individual words whilst adult reads the rest of the page

(particularly suitable for early readers)

- adult reads several pages and then asks the child questions about the section read

(What happened? What might happen next? Why do you think the character did that?)

Ideally there should be a mix of reading across the week, building as much reading by the child at their level as possible whilst retaining an enjoyment of reading. **Reading diaries must be signed or initialled by an adult each week to confirm that the reading has taken place.**

We recognise that some children do not want to read at home, despite good intentions from parents/carers. In order to support you to encourage your child to read at home on a daily basis, the break time reading club will continue. We expect that this will encourage your child to choose to read at home and reduce the pressure on parents/carers.

Thank you in anticipation of your support. We aim to get all children reading fluently and confidently, and with your help, they will succeed.

Yours faithfully,

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