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Dear Parents/Carers

We are writing to inform you about some exciting new changes to our school reading challenge and reading message books.

Today, all children will have received a new reading record book which will replace the old yellow message book. They will have also been provided with one levelled reading book by their new class teacher.

Our aim is to encourage children to have a love of reading and inspire children to read for pleasure. In order for this to happen we should be immersing them with a range of text-types, helping them to develop their fluency and independence, and supporting them to develop their understanding and comprehension skills. This is how, as teachers and parents/carers, we can work together in partnership to ensure reading is a key part of children's daily routine.

As part of our new and exciting 'Class Reading Challenge' we will be asking that you listen to your child read at least **five** times a week at home and record this in their reading record book. Please can we ask that every time you hear your child read at home you fill in **one** box per read.

We are asking for children to continue reading at home during all half terms and school holidays. To make sure that the 'Class Reading Challenge' is a partnership between home and school, we will also be including **every** read a child completes at school too. Every time a child completes a whole page on their reading record book, school staff will cross off the page number at the bottom and give your child a raffle ticket to put into the class raffle pot. Staff will be checking to see if children have met this expectation before their year group assembly.

Year Group Assemblies will take place as follows:

- Year 2 on a Friday
- Year 1 on a Tuesday
- Year R on a Wednesday

During each weekly year group assembly, Mrs de Carteret will be announcing the class with the most raffle tickets in their pot and will present the winning class with a certificate; this will then be announced on the Friday Flier. At the end of each half term, the class in each year group with the most certificates will be able to decide together on a class reward to celebrate. At the end of the school year, the class with the most certificates across the **whole school** will receive an even bigger reward such as a class trip out which will be confirmed nearer the time.

If your child is in Year R, please look out for a video on our school Facebook page with some helpful tips for reading. This may be helpful to parents of children in other year groups as well.

To ensure that both staff, pupils and family members are kept safe staff will be quarantining all reading books for at least 48 hours before they are sent out again. Please note that in Year R this will involve staff collecting reading books on a Friday and sending out new ones on a Monday. We still encourage you to read at home over the weekend and this would be a great opportunity to share your child's library book, a book from home, or even an E-book. These reads will all still count towards the Class Reading Challenge.

Thank you in advance for your support and we look forward to announcing the first winners in each year group; don't forget to read the Friday Flier!

Yours sincerely

Miss Briscoe  
**Year R Teacher and Reading Subject Leader**