



"Through books we learn the mastery of words,  
the essential skill that will enable us to achieve our potential."  
Michael Morpurgo

Dear Parent or Guardian

We are running a **Readathon Sponsored Read** and we would like your child to join in. The Readathon will begin on Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> February and end on the Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> March 2017, running for a total of 3 weeks. All sponsor money will need to be paid by Wednesday, 29<sup>th</sup> March 2017.

**Readathon** is the UK's national sponsored reading event for schools. **Readathon** encourages children to read for pleasure - an activity proven to increase children's chances of success and personal happiness for the rest of their lives. (Source: OECD)

**Readathon** motivates reluctant readers to give reading a go, and keen readers to read more widely. It works because children choose what they want to read – they are not being assessed, it's all about reading for fun. We would like you to support them, in particular by sponsoring them. The money raised helps the charity Readathon to regularly give brand new books and storyteller visits to children's hospitals across the UK. For more information, check out your child's sponsorship card and visit [www.readathon.org](http://www.readathon.org).

When you have collected your sponsor money you can make a one off payment on school gateway by no later than Wednesday, 29<sup>th</sup> March 2017. There is a minimum payment of £3.00.

As well as encouraging pupils to read for fun, **our school will get free books worth 20%** of our sponsorship total – so there really is something in it for everyone.

What we'd like you to do:

1. Your child's been given a **Readathon sponsorship card** on which to list whatever they will enjoy reading. Books, e-books, poetry, comics – anything goes! Take a look at what they plan to read, or help them complete their list of books – sharing books is fine too (in fact recommended!), as well as listening to audio books.



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2. Ensure that **ALL** sponsorships are written on the card so that we know how much each child has raised.

For any more information please visit [www.readathon.org](http://www.readathon.org).

**Thank you for your support – and happy reading!**

Yours sincerely

Mrs T Boddington  
Headteacher

