



Reading Cafes

This half term we hosted our very first Reading Cafes. This was a chance to come into school and read with your child. The events were very well attended with over 70 parents and carers at each café.

It was a pleasure to see so many adults and children absorbed in reading and we are looking forward to hosting two more reading cafes in the Spring term.



Book Vending Machine



Over the Summer, we were lucky to take delivery of our brand new book vending machine which has been partly funded by the FJSA. Stocked with wonderful books for all ages, the machine takes pride of place in our reception area. Children can earn a token for the machine by winning our book raffle which is held at the end of each week in Celebration Assembly. To be in the raffle, all your child needs to do is log at least three reads in their home school diaries for that week. Tokens are also being offered as prizes to other school competitions and for reaching 250 reads in our school reading challenge.

School Reading Challenge

In your child's home school diary, you will find details of our school reading challenge. Children will earn 1 Independence effort mark for every 20 reads they record. When they reach milestones such as 100 reads, they may collect a Reading Challenge badge from Mrs Davies (50 reads for Bronze, 100 for Silver and 200 for Gold).

Summer Reading Challenge



Well done to everyone who completed the Summer Reading Challenge at local libraries. Everyone who sent us a copy of their certificate received an Independence Effort Mark and entered our draw to win a token for the vending machine. The winners were drawn in Celebration Assembly.

Blue Peter Book Badge

You may have seen our social media posts a few weeks ago about the new Blue Peter badge which is available for children aged 5—15 to apply for. To earn their badge, children just need to share their love of books with Blue Peter by answering a few questions here:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/send/u152443929>



Phonics



Most children don't need discrete phonics teaching in Key Stage 2, but for those who do, we use Little Wandle Letters and Sounds as our phonics scheme. Children are taught in small groups daily, securing their phonological knowledge to help them becoming more confident readers.

If your child is having daily phonics instruction, you will have received a letter earlier this term. Further resources to support phonics at home can be found on our website and at <https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/>

Sora

As part of our subscription to Hampshire School Library Service, pupils have access to Sora, a digital collection of eBooks, audiobooks, comics, and magazines that are available to read on computers and devices including smartphones and tablets.



Sora is available as an app through the Google Play and Apple apps stores or via your internet browser at <https://soraapp.com/library/hampshiresls>

You will need your child's Freegrounds Junior Google login details to access Sora. Year 3 parents received these last week. For all other year groups, your child's details remain the same as last year.

Reading Volunteers

Thank you to everyone who has already let us know that they would be able to offer some time to come into school and listen to readers. We are currently processing the list and if you volunteered, you will be hearing from us very shortly. If you haven't yet volunteered but would like to, please complete the Google Form: <https://forms.gle/Fmvx18YUzpBd8JKJ9>

Hampshire Illustrated Book Award

Year 5 are taking part in the Hampshire Illustrated Book Award. They will read, share and evaluate six books from well-known and new children's authors, which have been shortlisted by the School Library Service.

We look forward to sharing their thoughts and recommendations with you in the next reading newsletter.



Looking for Something New to Read?

Take a look at the Books for Topics 'Branching Out' lists in the library section of our school website for inspiration.

