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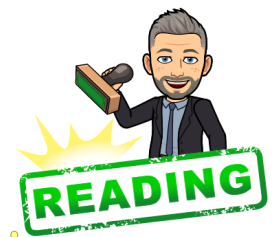
### Dear Parents and Carers

I know it is Monday! Our newsletters usually go out every other Friday, but things caught up with me last week! There is so much to share in this letter, especially with our update on reading, and I felt it was important to share it properly rather than rushing out a newsletter. That's my excuse anyway!

### Reading Updates

Following our analysis of the reading survey that so many of you kindly completed, staff met to discuss the findings and look at how we can develop and further our reading programme. As a result, there are some changes to look forward to.

**Out of this World Reading** - We have realised that many of our parents are actually unaware or unsure of our OOTW reading system. We have shared an overview of the system along with this newsletter. This is also available on our website - [LINK](#). We have also updated the system, so that pupils who achieve 50 reads now receive a bookmark (children who have already gone past 50 will still receive the bookmark). Also, we will place a sticker in your child's reading book every time they hit a new planet, just to keep all involved aware of where they are.



**Parent support** - Some parents asked for support with how to read with their children. As a result, we have prepared help sheets that will be sent out with questions and comments that can be used when reading with your child. Year 2 will continue with their reading stickers scheme that has been running this term.

**Reader of the Week** - Although we had Reader of the Month, some parents felt this was a long time to wait, especially when we have TT Rockstars, Pupil of the week etc. Therefore we have introduced Reader of the Week to our celebrations, with each class nominating a pupil who has shown great progress or attitude in reading.

### Parking

We have a constant problem with parking around school, and this almost resulted in an accident last week. I am meeting with Fr Adrian and Deacon Kevin this week to discuss further actions we may need to take to prevent any further incidents. Once these have been agreed, we will of course let you know. In the meantime, can I ask that you park sensibly and with consideration for others? This includes only parking in the designated spaces. Thank you.

### Teacher Training

As you will know, we welcome trainee teachers in our school each year as part of the Carmel Teacher training programme (CTTP) Both Miss Hunt and Miss Lee graduated through this programme, and we are always delighted with the quality and expertise of the trainees. CTTP are currently recruiting for the next phase of the programme. If you are interested in this, please collect an information card from the office, which has details on how to access further advice.

### Head Lice

We are experiencing an increasing number of head lice cases in and out of school. May I remind parents of pupils with longer hair that the best way of preventing head lice is by the child tying their hair up?

### A few dates...

Thursday 10th February - Y5 girls' football tournament

Friday 11th February - Y2 Mini Tennis tournament

Friday 18th February - 'Break the Rules' Day (info to follow)

### Headteacher award

Well done to Isabella in Year 3 who was the first recipient of the Headteacher award. This will be given out weekly to pupils who are identified as being fantastic role models to others. It is going to be very difficult to choose only one each week!

Take care!

Mr P Craig