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Dear Parents and Carers,

At All Saints, we are passionate about ensuring that every child is a reader. Children who read, and are supported as readers, develop strong reading skills and do better at school. Open University research suggests there are three important ways to support readers and a love of reading.

**Read aloud:** Reading aloud to your children shows them reading is a pleasure, not a chore. Older children can read to younger ones too.

**Family reading time:** Making time to read alongside one another helps develop children's reading stamina and interest. Let them choose what to read and relax together.

**Book Talk:** Book Chats encourage readers. Invite them to make connections and share their views. Join in with your thoughts too! Attached you will find a more detailed guide to Book Chats.

Whilst children are learning to read using phonics as their main strategy, they will bring home a fully decodable book from our school scheme to practise and consolidate the phonics that they have been learning in school. Children will also bring home a book from the class library for them to share and enjoy with their family. The children might read the book to you, or you might read the book to them, it is a time to share the book together and talk about the story. All children will have a personalised book mark with questions and discussion prompts that you can use to talk about their books.

As with anything, performance improves with practise and children who read at least 20 minutes a day see the greatest gain. At school, we dedicate 30 minutes a day to a reading lesson. Please encourage your child to also read at home, discuss books, ask questions about what they have read, play games and visit your local library. Together, we can help every child to be a successful reader!

Prizes will be awarded once children have read 15, 30, 50, 75, 100, 150 and 200 times at home.

New for this year we are introducing a weekly prize draw to take place in our Collective Worship on a Friday. Children will be entered into the prize draw for handing in a review/recommendation/picture of any home reading, to include school books, reading for pleasure books, magazines, word puzzles, word searches or games. All entries will be displayed on the 'Wall of Fame' in the Reading Shed and one entry will be drawn at random to win that week's prize. Entries can be handed in to class teachers or Mrs Sinfield.

Please see your child's class teacher for any more information regarding supporting your child with reading.

Thank you for your continued support.

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