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Spring 2024

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

## READING NEWSLETTER

Welcome to our Spring Term Reading Newsletter. There's lots to tell you about that's planned for the weeks ahead.

### WORLD BOOK DAY 2024 THURSDAY 7<sup>th</sup> MARCH

A letter will come out after half term with more detail, but just to give you a heads up, this year we will be having a day of fun based around the theme of a **COSY READ**. As a school, we have a focus on *Reading for Pleasure* and as part of this the children will be asked to wear their pyjamas & dressing gowns, and they will be able to bring in a cuddly toy to read to if they wish. We will also be having a 'Best Cosy Read' photo competition: who can read their book in the cosiest location? Photos to be sent to [cosyread@winningtonpark.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:cosyread@winningtonpark.cheshire.sch.uk) or printed at home and sent into school.

We will also be recruiting **MYSTERY READERS!!** If you would be interested in coming into school to read a story to a class or group of children, then please do get in touch with me via the school office [office@winningtonpark.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:office@winningtonpark.cheshire.sch.uk)

As always, the World Book Day vouchers will be distributed, so please keep an eye out for them. More information about how this scheme works can be found at [World Book Day £1/€1.50 Books and Tokens - World Book Day](#)

### BLUE PETER BOOK BADGE

It has been so lovely to see all the children who have earned a Blue Peter Book Badge so far. The badges are still available and more information can be found about them and all the other Blue Peter badges at [How to get a Blue Peter Badge | Different types of badge | Apply for free | Free sunflower seeds with Blue Peter badges - CBBC - BBC](#)

### VOLUNTEER READERS

We have a growing team of volunteers that come in to listen to our children read. This really is a lovely thing to do and we thank them for their time. If you would be able to spare an hour or two to do this, please contact me via the office.

### HOME READING/ READING FOR PLEASURE

Practicing reading skills at home is such an important activity and we ask that you try to do this with your child as often as you can, even if it's just for 5 minutes. The benefits of shared reading time include fostering the development of listening skills, spelling, reading comprehension and vocabulary, and establishing essential foundational literacy skills. If you need any support or advice with this, please do get in touch with me. I'm always glad to be of help.

### AND FINALLY...

...a date for your diaries. The **Winnington Park Reading Festival & Scholastic Book Fair** is back! **April 18<sup>th</sup> – May 2<sup>nd</sup> 2024**. Much more news and information to follow soon!

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