



**“Through books we learn the mastery of words,
the essential skill that will enable us to achieve our potential.”**

Michael Morpurgo

Dear parents and carers

As part of our celebration of the National Year of Reading we are running a **Readathon Sponsored Read** and we'd love as many students as possible to join in.

Readathon is a brilliant charity which raises funds to supply brand new books and storyteller visits to children's hospitals across the UK to support sick children who are in hospital for extended periods. Over the last 12 years the school has raised over £20,000 for the charity.

Readathon also 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*). It motivates reluctant readers to read, and keen readers to read more widely.

Students in Year 7-9 have been given a **Readathon sponsorship card** with details of the programme and on which they can record their sponsorship. Students in other years can collect a card from reception or the library.

We would like you to support them, in particular by sponsoring them. For more information, see your child's sponsorship card or visit www.readforgood.org. The easiest way to sponsor them is by using the QR code on the card or at <https://readathon.my.salesforce-sites.com/sponsor>; or you can return the sponsor card with a cheque(s) or cash sent to school. Please also encourage UK tax payers to tick the GiftAid box - Readathon will then be able to claim an extra 25% from the Government at no cost to the donor.



Please do support your child's reading efforts. Research tells us again and again that children who read for pleasure are more likely to have successful outcomes. Above all, we hope they have fun!

Thank you for your support – and happy reading!

James Lofthouse

Literacy Co-ordinator



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