

*The more that you read, the more things you will know.  
The more that you learn, the more places you'll go.  
- Dr. Seuss*



26<sup>th</sup> February 2018

Motivating kids to read

Dear Parent or Carer,

We are running a Read for Good Sponsored Read and we'd love your child to join in. It's been proven that children who read for pleasure are more likely to be successful and happy throughout their lives (OECD).

We are encouraging all year 7, 8 and 9 students to take part in Read for Good and we'd like your child to join in. Fairfield High School is participating in Read for Good over a two week period, from the 5<sup>th</sup> March February until the 16th March 2018.

The charity **Read for Good** encourages children to read through its unique motivational approach, inspiring reluctant readers to give reading a go, and keen readers to read more widely. Students can choose whatever they want to read - from comics to classics and audio books to blogs - they are not being assessed, it's all about reading for fun. And, they are motivated to read because the money they raise in sponsorship helps to provide a regular supply of brand new books and a resident storyteller to every major children's hospital in the UK.

Teachers, parents and students tell us that the freedom to choose what to read, combined with the knowledge that they are directly helping children in hospital compels students to get involved. Any support and encouragement you can offer would be much appreciated. All you have to do is:

1. Take a look at what they plan to read, or help them complete their list of books to read. Remember they can read whatever they want: books, e-books, poetry, comics – anything goes! Sharing books is fine too (in fact recommended!) as well as listening to audio books.
2. Help your child find sponsors among family and friends and return the sponsor card with a cheque(s) or cash sent to school. Alternatively you can pay direct to Read for Good following the instructions on the sponsorship forms.

Please support your child's sponsored read as much as you can. They'll be helping children in hospitals get books, as well as helping themselves. And our school receives free books worth 20% of our grand sponsorship total – so there really is something in it for everyone.

We would love all of year 7, 8 and 9 students to make this a really successful event, which we hope you will support. Last year we raised a fantastic £2533 and we would like your help to do this again.

Thanking you in anticipation,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'A. E. Meredith'.

Mrs A Meredith  
Literacy and Numeracy Coordinator.

**Thank you for your support – helping your  
child to keep reading, raising  
and being amazing!!**

