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**Parent Helpers for Reading**

Dear Parents/ Carers,

First, I want to say what an amazing difference our parent helpers have made to the children's reading this year. Every child's confidence has soared and they have all made great progress; thank you so much for your dedication and support! It really is worthwhile and you are able to give the children time to be listened to whilst reading; something we are finding harder to do in the classroom.

Thoughts from one volunteer: ☺

*What being a volunteer reader means to me! Volunteering is about people and connections and for me, it's such a joy to be involved with the school in a small way and to have precious time with the children. Each child has so much to offer and they are funny; curious; lively and keen to learn and you have the chance to help them and see them progress. Getting to know individual children for 15 minutes each, week after week in term time, is fun and it's impossible to think of anything else when you are with them. They are really good company. It's a two way process. They get special attention from an adult and you get to leave your normal life and its busyness and worries behind for that time. Some weeks I can't make it as life gets in the way but that's never been a problem for the school. One hour a week makes such a difference to the school and anyone could do it - no training or qualifications required.*

This being said, we are starting to look ahead to September. If you are able to offer one hour a week on a regular basis, please let us know. Please don't worry if there are a few weeks/dates you are unavailable; we are grateful for any help we can get!

Early in September, we will ask you to come in for a short meeting to offer training on how we go about paired reading and will answer any queries you may have. You will be given your timetable and some useful handouts to read through. When you have DBS clearance, you will be able to start! If you have volunteered this year and would like to continue, please fill in the form or let the office know your intentions.

Thank you,  
Sarah Cobb  
English Leader

**Please return to the School Office by the end of term.**

Name .....

Email address (so we can arrange DBS) .....

I would like to volunteer to read with children for one hour a week.

I am available on the following days (please tick):

<input type="checkbox"/>	Monday 1-2pm	<input type="checkbox"/>	Monday 2-3pm
<input type="checkbox"/>	Tuesday 1-2pm	<input type="checkbox"/>	Tuesday 2-3pm
<input type="checkbox"/>	Wednesday 1-2pm	<input type="checkbox"/>	Wednesday 2-3pm
<input type="checkbox"/>	Thursday 1-2pm	<input type="checkbox"/>	Thursday 2-3pm
<input type="checkbox"/>	Friday 1-2pm	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Preference of year group: .....