



# St. Joseph's R.C. Primary School

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Dear parents and carers,

As we all know reading is an essential life skill and it can bring a lot of enjoyment. Here at St Joseph's we are proud that reading is a strength of our school. In our recent OFSTED report (March 2019) the inspector commented that, " pupils demonstrate a love of reading and they were able to talk knowledgeably about their favourite books and why they enjoy reading. Those who read to the inspector were able to do so with fluency and expression. Consequently, pupils progress well, and above all, they enjoy reading." The reading support that you give to your child at home alongside the teaching they receive at school is essential for this success to continue.

In Phase 1 (Years 1-3) we would like to encourage children to read more at home. Therefore we are going to be running a reading competition every half term. This competition will be a raffle draw. Raffle tickets will be awarded for those children who read at home at least 3 times a week. At the end of the half term all tickets will be placed in a hat and a name from each class will be drawn out to win a reading related prize.

To be awarded a ticket a child must have 3 comments written in their reading record. Please note any book (even books read to your child) can be entered into the reading record as we are encouraging the love of reading, sharing and listening to stories. We do understand that it can be difficult to know what to write in the reading record so we have attached a reading target sheet on which you can use to focus your comments.

Children will receive reading books from school and it is important that they bring their reading book and reading record to school every day. Teachers will often ask children to read to them in class and if they do not have their books in school it could result in the loss of Dojos.

Thank you for your continued support,

The Phase 1 Team

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