

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

Dear Parent and Carers,

We are running a **Read for Good Readathon** and we'd love your child to join in.

**Our Readathon will begin on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> February – Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March.**

The charity **Read for Good** encourages children to read through its unique motivational approach. Pupils 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. Furthermore, 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. The sponsorship money raised by Bishop Loveday will go to The John Radcliffe Hospital in Oxford.

Teachers, parents and pupils tell us that the freedom to choose what to read, combined with the knowledge that they are directly helping children in hospital compels pupils to get involved.

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.** The easiest way to sponsor a child is at <https://readathon.secure.force.com/sponsor> (which family and friends can use too) or return the sponsor card with a cheque(s) or cash sent to school.

We will be launching our Readathon on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> during a whole school assembly. Your child will then be given their sponsorship card and bookmark to bring home with them.

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. Our school receives free books worth 20% of our grand sponsorship total – so there really is something in it for everyone.

For more information, check out your child's sponsorship card and visit [www.readforgood.org](http://www.readforgood.org).

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

