



6th October 2016

To Parents of Pupils in Primary Phase

Dear Parents

'A Year of Reading' - Information about participation in our sponsored Readathon : 17th – 21st October

I have the pleasure of announcing that we are launching our first activity to celebrate 'A Year of Reading'.

We have chosen to kick things off with a **Readathon**, which provides new reading books for children in hospital, and your child's sponsorship form is attached. This is done through the Roald Dahl's Marvellous Children's Charity which we have chosen as our focus this year, inspired by the Roald Dahl 100th birthday celebrations. In addition to this charity, **Readathon** also supports Clic Sargent and Together for Short Lives, so all your sponsorship contribution will help sick children.

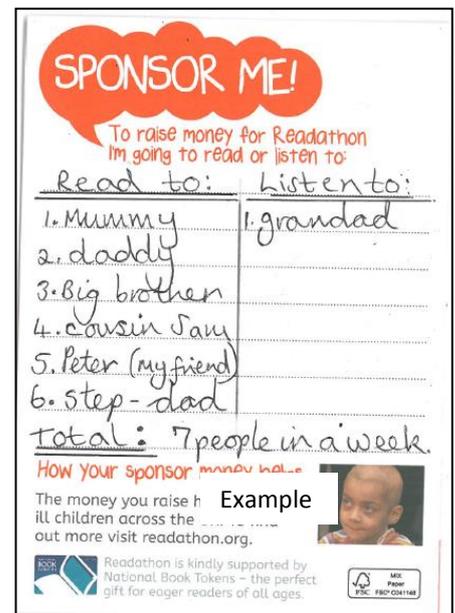
How the Readathon is organised: what do the children have to do?

In an effort to make the **Readathon** as accessible as possible for all children, our approach is as follows:

- Each child will receive a **Readathon** letter and official sponsorship card.
- With parents' support, each child will aim to **read to, or listen to, as many different people as possible at home** during Big Health and Happiness Week in the last week of this term. (This can include story telling, as well, for the younger pupils). Make a list of the people you have chosen on your sponsor card. You are aiming to meet your target number of people. Tick them off as you achieve your reading or listening. See the example of how you could fill out the first page of your sponsor form to record your child's participation.

For example, your child might specify that they are going to aim to read to five different people in the week and listen to three different people read to them. We appreciate that the children will be keen to read their guided reading books, however, we really would prefer them to choose their own book, such as one from the LRC or your local library.

- Decide who will agree to sponsor you. It does not have to be the people you are reading to or listening to. We would be delighted if each child could achieve at least one sponsor contribution to our **Readathon**. You need to record the names of the people who are sponsoring you to meet your target on the right-hand side of the sponsor card. Your sponsor may contribute any amount of money they wish to. Please only seek sponsorship from family, friends and colleagues.



SPONSOR ME!
To raise money for Readathon
I'm going to read or listen to:

Read to:	Listen to:
1. Mummy	1. grandad
2. daddy	
3. Big brother	
4. cousin Sam	
5. Peter (my friend)	
6. step-dad	
Total: 7 people in a week.	

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out more visit readathon.org.

Readathon is kindly supported by
National Book Tokens – the perfect
gift for eager readers of all ages.

When does the **Readathon** need to be complete?

- Your child has one week to complete the sponsorship challenge, starting on **17th October**, which is the start of Big Health and Happiness Week, but sponsorship forms can be filled out as soon as possible. Please encourage your child to carry a book with them everywhere they go, so they have every opportunity to achieve even more.
During the week, we will also be running some exiting book activities to show the children the enjoyment gained within reading books

How should my child return their sponsorship money to school?

- Sponsorship money can be collected during the week of the 17th - 21st October as and when your child completes their **Readathon**.

All sponsorship money should be returned to school by Tuesday 1st November at the latest.

- Completed sponsorship cards and money should be returned to the Primary Office ***in a sealed envelope clearly marked with your child's name and class.***

To summarise:

- ✓ The **Readathon** will require the children to listen to or read to as many friends and family members at home as possible;
- ✓ Ideally, everyone should read a full picture book, tell a whole story or read at least one chapter, but obviously we want to be fully inclusive and understand some children can do more or less;
- ✓ There is a week to complete the challenge which starts on **Monday 17th October**, which is also Big Health and Happiness week;
- ✓ The sponsor form is to be used to show all the different people children have read to or heard read;
- ✓ Sponsors' contact details should be recorded on the official **Readathon** card only. UK Tax payers can claim Gift Aid for **Readathon** by ticking the box – this raises even more money for **Readathon**.
- ✓ The completed **Readathon** sponsorship form and money should be returned to school by **Tuesday November 1st** at the latest.

Thank you so much for your support with this. It is really a good feeling to be supporting other children's health and happiness and we hope that everyone will be able to commit to supporting this worthy cause, whilst encouraging our owns children's reading.

Yours sincerely

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Lead Practitioner – English and Literacy

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Vice Principal

The difference we make



Hospital Locations



Readathon's books help Misty in hospital



As well as our hospital programme we also support children in hospitals via these three brilliant charities, [The Roald Dahl Marvellous Children's Charity](#), [CLIC Sargent](#) and [Together for Short Lives](#).