

Monday 12th September 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! We do hope that you have enjoyed a wonderful holiday with family and friends.

'A love of reading is the biggest indicator of future academic success' OECD – The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development.



We are pleased to announce that we are launching **Little Wandle**, an early reading and phonics programme in September 2022. Reviews confirm that the programme will enable children to acquire effective knowledge of phonics, enabling fluency and a love of reading for life.

More information can be found by clicking on this link. You can also find clear videos of how we teach Little Wandle phonics at St John Fisher.

www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/

Supporting your child with reading, September 2022 EYFS and KS1

Although your child will be taught to read at school, you can have a huge impact on their reading journey by continuing their practice at home.

There are two types of reading book that your child may bring home:

A reading practice book. This will be at the correct phonic stage for your child. They should be able to read this fluently and independently.

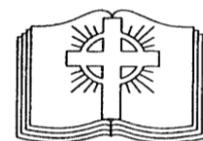
A sharing book. Your child will not be able to read this on their own. This book is for you both to read and enjoy together.

Reading practice book

This book has been carefully matched to your child's current reading level. If your child is reading it with little help, please don't worry that it's too easy – your child needs to develop fluency and confidence in reading.

Listen to them read the book. Remember to give them lots of praise – celebrate their success! If they can't read a word, read it to them. After they have finished, talk about the book together.

Sharing book In order to encourage your child to become a lifelong reader, it is important that they learn to read for pleasure. The sharing book is a book they have chosen for you to enjoy together.



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'Let all you done, be done in love'

Please remember that you shouldn't expect your child to read this alone. Read it to or with them. Discuss the pictures, enjoy the story, predict what might happen next, use different voices for the characters and explore the facts in a non-fiction book. The main thing is that you have fun!

Home reading diary - Nursery to Year 4

Your child will also bring home a reading diary. We would like this completed by parents/carers with comments on other reading taking place at home, such as other books they are reading for pleasure. The comments should remain positive. Teachers may suggest a specific aspect that needs to be practised at home.

IMPORTANT

Please ensure that you child brings their book bag to school every Monday.

During the week, your child will read to an adult three times. Each **Friday**, your child will bring home a book from our new phonics scheme. The book will be carefully matched to the phase that the child is working on in phonics. It is crucial that the book is read at home to practice fluency and then returned to school on the **Monday. We will be required to charge £5 per book, due to lost or if a book is damaged.** This will ensure that we have enough books for all of the children who are working on phonics.

Fluent readers KS 1 and 2

For some children, especially those who are in KS2, they will have already acquired the phonics skills that they need to enable them to become a fluent reader. They will continue through the banded reading book system. Reading every day and asking questions will help them to have a deeper understanding of the text.

Greater Leys Library and School library

We will continue to visit the Greater Leys library and to select books from our school library. More books can be accessed here through the Little Wandle website:

Volunteers

Are you able to come in and listen to readers? Your time would be very much appreciated. Please get in touch on the school office email office@stjohnfisher.co.uk

Please talk to the class teacher, should you need any further clarification of any of this information.
We will be running a parent workshop in September 2022, to explain the programme further.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Penman, Mr Higgins and Mr McEwan