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Dear Parents/Carers

### **Reading at Perryfields**

A report from the Oxford University Press highlighted the importance of parents reading with their children. 'Children who read outside of class are 13 times more likely to read above the expected level for their age'.

Reading is happening all the time in our classrooms and in the school. It is taught in specific reading, phonics and English lessons where children are practising and using their 'reading' constantly across all subjects too.

Parents can support this 'reading journey' through regular reading at home. Reading to and with your child every evening or morning for at least ten minutes can make a dramatic difference to a child's achievement within school.

### **Perryfields Class Reading Competition**

We are very excited to launch a new initiative to encourage children to read to their parents more at home. Each time your child reads to you or with you and it is written in their school reading diaries they will receive a Class Point. Each week the class teacher or LSA will count how many times each child has read or been read to at home (if its written in their reading diaries) and award Class Points e.g. if a child reads 5 times in a week then they will get 5 Class Points (CPs), if they read only 3 times a week they will get 3 Class Points. At the end of each week, these Class Points will be totalled and given to me so I can keep a running record in the Monday morning assemblies. The running totals will be kept in the library and looked at each week. At the end of each half term, the class that has the highest number of points will have an additional treat, which will be determined by that class. In addition, the children will be given a special treasure chest with high quality books, comics etc. for them to keep until the end of the next half term.

Please can I remind parents that the children's reading diary needs to come into school each day so that we can also communicate in them and keep the score! Please note that if there is no reading diary then they will be unable to get any Class Points added to the teams score.

The children are extremely competitive and are enthusiastic about this fun new initiative. We hope that you will continue to support them in their 'reading journey' and participate fully with this.

We hope you have lots of fun reading over half term – remember to record each time they read in their reading diaries as the 'Reading Star' class competition starts straight after half term.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher

