



Wednesday 2nd November 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

This year, we are running a **Readathon** and would love your child to join in. The **Read for Good Readathon** encourages children to read for pleasure and raise money for a good cause. **Springfield also receives free books worth 20% of our grand sponsorship total** to contribute to new and exciting books for our Book Hut and library.

It has been proven that children who read for pleasure are more likely to be successful and happy throughout their lives (OECD). The charity **Read for Good** encourages children to read through its unique motivational approach inspiring reluctant readers to give reading a go, and keen readers to read more widely. Children can choose whatever they want to read - from comics to classics and audio books to blogs - they are not being assessed; it is all about reading for fun. Children are also 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. It is a way we can encourage our children to participate in something to support their wider community and make a difference.

Teachers, families 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.

Please support your child's sponsored read as much as you can. They will be helping **children in hospitals get books**, as well as helping themselves. **Springfield also 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 on the other side of this page** and visit [www.readforgood.org](http://www.readforgood.org) or this video for more information: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9mwld5sBKes>

Thank you in advance for your support.

Best wishes,

Ms Wyatt

