

### **Parent helpers for Y3-4 guided reading**

Dear Parents

For the past few years we have been running a very successful initiative known as Guided Reading to support the development of reading skills and enjoyment of reading within Years 3 and 4. The success of this scheme relies almost entirely on the generosity of volunteer parent helpers who give up their time and enthusiasm to help. We have always been lucky enough to have wonderful teams of volunteers and at the start of this academic year we are now hoping to recruit more. Please note that no particular experience or expertise is necessary: available time and plenty of enthusiasm are the only requirements!

In brief, Guided Reading involves a small group of children (five or so) reading a book together, with an adult alongside them who supports comprehension and enjoyment by talking about the content with the children, asking pertinent questions, helping with some pronunciations and doing some reading out loud themselves.

If being involved in this appeals to you and you would be able to commit every term time Monday afternoon from 3pm to the end of the school day at 4.10pm, please complete this [form](#) by 5pm on Tuesday 10th September. Please note that all volunteers at the school need to undergo DBS checks.

Helpers will work with the same groups of boys across the academic year, building up really positive and supportive relationships. We are probably looking especially to parents of boys in Years 3 and 4, but we would absolutely welcome parents of boys from any year group too.

We will provide information and training to helpers in order to help them fulfil the role confidently. There will always be a teacher on hand to support volunteers.

Any help with this initiative, which we know benefits the boys enormously and which we believe helpers really enjoy too, would be hugely appreciated.

Thank you.

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