



Believe, Strive, Achieve

Winklebury Federation

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Dear Parents,

At the Federation of Winklebury Schools we believe strongly in the importance of reading and are working towards developing and promoting a culture of reading for pleasure. We would really appreciate your support with this so that your children become the best readers that they possibly can.

Reading Races are currently in operation in the infant school. For every 5 reads a box is completed on the race track which is in the back of your child's reading record (maximum of 5 reads a week). This is completed by school staff only. **The Reading Record Book must be signed by an adult for the read to be counted.** Once the children read 10 times they will receive a sticker to go on their special reading badge. If they have filled up their badge by the end of the school year they will receive a prize.

We will include any book you share and read together, whether that be the shared reader, a library book, a book from home or their decodable book. Reading together at home makes a big difference! We encourage parents to spend time reading books to their children—it builds vocabulary, imagination, and a love of stories. Just as important, children should also practice reading their decodable books aloud. What matters most is seeing a good balance: parents reading to their children, and children reading their own decodable books. When we see that mix, children grow into confident, fluent readers who truly love books!

Thank you in advance for supporting our focus on reading and thank you to those who already read and write in your child's book on a daily basis.

Stay and Read Sessions

Our weekly Stay and Read Sessions will begin soon! In the past our stay and read sessions have been in the morning. This year we will be trialling them at end of the day. This means that on one day a week from 3.00-3.15pm, you are invited into the classrooms to share a book with your child. You may choose to share a book from the class book corner or you may listen to your child read their own reading book. You are welcome to bring younger siblings with you but to ensure that everyone is kept safe, we would remind you that you are responsible for them at all times and ask that you keep them with you and do not allow them to wander around the classrooms.

YEAR R – Every Thursday (for Year R this will start after Christmas)

YEAR 1 – Every Tuesday (16th September)

YEAR 2 – Every Wednesday (17th September)

Yours sincerely,

Mrs K. Branch
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