



## Woodside C.E Primary School

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*'Together in God's Love, we inspire and grow.'*

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Dear Parents,

Tonight your child will come home with this year's 'Reading and Home Communications Book'.

You will notice that they are slightly different to the ones that we have had previously; the principles behind their use are the same though – a place to record home reading as well as homework and also a message board for home/school contact.

Your child will also come home with a banded reading book.

Over the summer we invested a large sum of money in improving our 'reading for progress' offer. We are now using the Collins colour banding system across our school. A wide range of titles have been purchased from the Collins Big Cat Scheme – the same scheme that we use books from to support the teaching of the Little Wandle Phonics Programme.

Children will work through this system at their own pace. The colour band your child has been matched to has been done so using both teacher assessment and test data. The books from this band will allow your child to read fluently and develop understanding as well as offer a suitable level of challenge. Reviews will take place regularly to ensure that when children are ready to progress onto the next band, they do so.

We ask that your child reads their banded book during the week at home (ideally every night) and that this reading is recorded on the relevant week in their 'Reading and School Communications Book'.

At the weekends, we would like to encourage our pupils to 'read for pleasure' i.e. read a book of their choice (whether that be from school, the library or one they have at home). Please can you record this reading at the front of the 'Reading and School Communications Book' (under the 'I have read 50 times' section).

To reward any reading completed outside of school, we will continue to keep count of how many times each child reads at home. When they have read 50 times, they will receive a token for our vending machine which entitles them to choose a book from it to keep.

Please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher or myself to discuss any queries you may have regarding reading at Woodside.

Thank you for your continued support.

Natalie Bruntlett