



Welcome to the first reading newsletter for this school year. We wanted to use this newsletter to keep you updated about all of the reading events in school.

During the October half term, the children took part in our first reading challenge of the year. 65 children in the whole school returned their 'Reach for the Stars' booklets. This equates to 28% of the children in school. We had lots of photos sent in too! You can see these on the website. The children seemed to have so much fun taking part! Year 3 had the most children take part: 24 children (43% of the year group). The children chose three new books for story time for their classes.

We know the Christmas holidays are a busy time, but we still want the children to have a reading challenge. We feel the challenges fit into the activities you will be doing as a family over the holidays. Let's see if we can get over 35% taking part this time!

The star challenge for this will be to collect and read Christmas jokes – from crackers, on chocolate bars, in books, wherever you can find them. We would like the children to bring the jokes into school after the holidays so that we can make a bad jokes book for school too.

What's coming up?

We have already spent the money raised from the Christmas Fayre. Every class is going to get 10 new books, with a new one revealed every week!

Some of our Y6 children will be going to John T Rice in December to read with the younger children. This was really enjoyable for everyone involved last year. The Y6 children will buddy read with the Y3 and Y4 children in school on Thursday 19th December too. Again, this was really enjoyable for everyone involved last year.

Before we break up for the Christmas holidays, every child in school will take part in the '12 days of Christmas Reading Challenge'. Every day, the children will spend 20-30 minutes taking part in a reading activity. This will involve sharing jokes, writing and reading silly stories and lots of other fun activities!

Following on from a very successful book swap on Friday 11th October, we would like to hold another one on Friday 6th December. We would like the children to bring an old book into school and swap this for another book. This way you get a new book to read without having to pay! It is lovely to see how many children are enjoying books from the first book swap during DEAR sessions.

We would like to invite you to come and join us in a reading breakfast on Friday 10th January at 8.45-9.30am. This will start with adults and children sharing books together. We will end our session with cereal, toast and juice.