



**Peover Superior**  
Endowed Primary School



15<sup>th</sup> February 2018

Dear Parent/Carers

### **Reading for Pleasure**

As you are aware, reading is extremely important in the development of your child's learning, imagination and growth. Research shows that those children who read freely and for pleasure are more successful in their later lives than those who don't. This is why, at Peover Superior, we aim to instil this in the children from an early age. We give them countless opportunities to read for pleasure and children see the teachers as readers. This year we are going to have a reading week from: Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March. During this week it is World Book Day, where we will be celebrating our love of books. We will also be taking part in a school fundraiser to raise money for more books for school, authors to visit and the continual development of the library.

### **World Book Day 2018**

As you may know, Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March is World Book Day! This year the theme is 'Share a Story'. We are going to celebrate this by revelling and immersing ourselves in bedtime stories. Reading in bed is an excellent way, no matter what age, to relax and escape in a book. This year, on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March the children can come to school in their pyjamas, onesies and dressing gowns. This is an optional choice and children may also wear their uniform as usual. Throughout the day there will be opportunities for sharing stories, secret readers and whole school activities linked to reading. In their classrooms they will explore and engage themselves in a range of activities such as: hot seating, drama, interviewing and character descriptions from a variety of authors and a range of genres.

### **Book Swap**

After the success of last year, we will hold a book swap sale at play time on World Book Day where the children can bring in any books from home which they no longer want to read in return for a book token. They can then use this token to purchase one of the books brought into school by one of their peers. If you have any extra books you wish to donate to school which are of good quality, please send them in also with your child.

### **Parent Workshop**

Recently in school we have been developing our Reading for Pleasure and love of reading. The ethos in school is changing and I am thrilled that children are beginning to share, swap and recommend books



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for both their peers and staff! Reading is such a key part of children's learning development. I will be holding a parent workshop on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March at 2:45pm in school. This is a chance to get your reading questions answered, hear some of the current research out there around reading for pleasure and hopefully be inspired to go home and pick up a book! I will be discussing the difficulties of book bands and offering suggestions on what to recommend to your young readers. If there is anything specific you want to be covered during the workshop please let me know beforehand.

### **Fundraiser**

As part of reading week we thought it would be a fantastic opportunity to raise some money for school to buy some more current, exciting and stimulating books for the library to engage all readers. We also would like to use the money to provide experiences for the children to inspire them to read which would include authors coming to school and sharing their knowledge and passion. Miss Platt and Mrs Daniels (our Associate Teachers) are leading this in school and would appreciate your cooperation. The children will be sent home with a 'Read-A-Thon' sponsor sheet. They need to read as much as they can that week and log the time they read for. They can read anything from a story book to non-fiction, from a magazine to a crisp packet! As long as they are reading. The form will include instructions for sponsoring and instructions on when they need to be in by. If you, as parents, want to get involved please let me know.

### **Thank you**

Finally, let me thank all of the amazing parents and helpers who have come into school to help us catalogue the books, read with children and tidy the library. I'm sure you can agree the library is looking fabulous and the children are enjoying the new space. Your support is invaluable and we appreciate all of the time you give to help school!

Any questions please do not hesitate to ask.

Yours sincerely

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