



# St James' Church of England Primary School

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## Opening doors to our future.

*I know all the things you do, and I have opened a door for you that no one can close. Revelation 3:8*

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2023



## Reading at St James'

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are very excited to inform you about the new reading initiatives we will be introducing this year at St James'. Our aim is for every child in our school to develop a life long love of reading, as well as make excellent progress from their individual starting points.

### Parent/Carer Reading Time

From Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September, we are pleased to invite parents/carers to come in and read/share a book with your child every Friday from 8.40am – 9am. Due to the size of the classrooms, only 1 adult per child will be permitted.

### Whole School Reading Reward System

From Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September, we are also introducing a whole school reward system for reading at home. Reading records will be checked each week so please ensure that you sign it every time your child reads at home.

They will then have the chance to earn the following rewards:

- Read at home 10 times- Bronze sticker
- Read at home 20 times-Silver sticker
- Read at home 30 times- Gold sticker
- Read at home 40 times – Ruby Certificate
- Read at home 50 times – Emerald Certificate
- Read at home 60 times - Topaz Certificate
- Read at home 70 times – Pearl Certificate
- Read at home 80 times – Jade Certificate
- Read at home 90 times – Diamond Certificate
- Read at home 100 times – Platinum Certificate



At the end of each half term, the children from each class that have read the most will come out for a treat with Miss Ryde (the English lead) and receive a special metal pin badge.



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### **School Library**

The children will be able to visit the school library once every 2 weeks to collect a book that they want to read at home for enjoyment. This will have to be returned before they are allowed to get a new book.

The children will only be changing their reading books once a week to make sure they are able to read it fluently.

### **Library Visits**

We will also be continuing with our visits to the library at Staple Tye. Details about these visits will follow soon.

If you have any questions about any of the new reading initiatives, please contact your child's class teacher.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Best Wishes

Miss Sarah Ryde  
English Lead

Mrs Casey Cox  
Head of School



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