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KS2 Reading

Dear parents and carers

At Middlefield we are committed to ensuring that our children become skilled and confident readers as well as developing a genuine love of books and reading. To support this at school, the children read regularly in guided reading lessons and have the opportunity to take Accelerated Reader quizzes on a computer about each of the books they read independently. Staff use these to encourage, manage and monitor children's reading practice, including the time spent reading, the number of words read and how well the child has understood each book.

We also encourage children to take books from school so that they can practice their reading skills at home as often as possible and therefore develop a positive reading habit for the future.

To support this, all children in KS2 take home either a red reading diary (year 5 and 6) or a home-link book (year 3 and 4). We are expecting these to be signed by parents/carers to acknowledge that your child has been reading at home **for at least 20 minutes three times a week.**

Regular reading can have a huge impact on pupil's understanding in various subjects and is crucial to developing fluency and comprehension, so from next week, we will be starting a Lunchtime 'Catch Up' club for those pupils who have not read at least three times a week at home.

Also to encourage reading at home we have introduced a new reward system. Pupils will bring home a "100 reads" bookmark. Parents should initial a square each time a child reads, when your child reaches 50 reads they will receive a prize in class, and when they reach 100 reads they will receive a special award in the celebration assembly. These bookmarks will be sent home on Friday 2nd February 2018.

Thanks for your continued support.

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On behalf of Middlefield Primary Academy (part of TDLPT)