



FERN HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Volunteer Reader Programme

At Fern Hill we greatly value the strong home-school partnership we have with our parent and carer community and, in particular, the contribution many of you make by coming into school to hear the children read. This not only strengthens our relationship with you, but also significantly increases the rate of progress that the children can make with their reading. Reading is fundamental to a child's academic success and to the growth of their life and learning skills.

This year we would like to grow our volunteer programme and invite parents and carers from all year groups to come into school to read with the children. We are particularly looking for your help to develop our younger children. If your child is in Years 3-6, you are of course welcome to read with their year group or class, but we would very much appreciate your support reading with Reception, Year 1 or Year 2.

Typically, you will work one-to-one with a child or small group of children, spending 10 minutes with each child talking about the book they're reading, listening to them read and reading to them. You will work with the same children each week; getting to know them and watching them progress. You may also be asked to help the children change their books in the school library or get involved with a particular classroom activity.

If you would like to volunteer your time, please complete the attached reply form and return it to the school office as a paper copy or complete it online and return by email to office@fernhill.rbksch.org.

I am running two introduction sessions for Volunteer Readers: Thursday 17th October at 9.00 am for parents and carers who would like to read with children in Years 3-6 and Friday 18th October at 9.00 am for those of you who would like to read with the younger children. This meeting will last 30 minutes and cover responsibilities and expectations, confidentiality, how to support reading and phonics and DBS checks.

If you have already contacted your class teacher to offer your time, thank you. I would be grateful if you would also complete the reply form for our records and attend one of the meetings if you can. If you are unable to attend either of these meetings and would like to have an informal chat, please do contact the school office to make an appointment to meet with me, or speak to your class teacher.

Once we have collected in all the offers of help, we will get back to you. Thank you in advance for offering your time; it is greatly appreciated.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs. A. Davies
Assistant Headteacher

We are passionate about developing the whole child and instilling an enduring love of learning

Inspiration

Collaboration

Empathy

Excellence





Volunteer Reader Programme

Parent or Carer Name: _____

Child's name: _____

Child's class: _____

Contact telephone number and/or email address:

I am available to help with reading on the following days (please tick all that apply and let us know if you would prefer to come in during the morning or afternoon, or are available for either):

Monday AM PM

Tuesday AM PM

Wednesday AM PM

Thursday AM PM

Friday AM PM

If there is a particular year group or groups that you would like to support, please tell us which one(s):

I have already contacted my class teacher about helping in school Yes No

Please let us know if you will be able to attend one of the Volunteer Reader Introduction sessions:

I will attend the session on Thursday 17th October at 9.00 am

I will attend the session on Friday 18th October at 9.00 am

***Please return this form to the school office. You can email it to office@fernhill.rbksch.org
Thank you.***