



FERN HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Volunteer Readers

Dear Parents and Carers,

At Fern Hill we greatly value the strong home-school partnership we have with our parent and carer community and the contribution that you can 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.

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, but we would very much appreciate your support reading with children in 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 a class change their books in one of the school libraries or get involved with a particular classroom activity.

If you would like to volunteer your time, please complete the linked form below by Thursday 22nd September. Please complete this form even if you are already volunteering your time or have indicated your interest to your class teacher.

[Volunteer Reader Registration 2022/2023](#)

I am running two introduction and training sessions for Volunteer Readers on **Tuesday 27th September at 2:30 pm** and **Wednesday 28th September at 9:00 am**. The sessions will last for approximately 30 minutes, and you only need to attend one of them. We will cover responsibilities and expectations including health

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

Inspiration

Collaboration

Empathy

Excellence

and safety measures in school, confidentiality, how to support reading and phonics, DBS checks and next steps.

Thank you in advance for offering your time; it is greatly appreciated.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. Davies'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'A' and a long, sweeping tail.

Mrs A. Davies
Assistant Headteacher