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***"Through books we learn the mastery of words,
the essential skill that will enable us to achieve our potential."***
Michael Morpurgo

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Dear Parent or Carer,

We are running a **Readathon Sponsored Read** and we'd like your child to join in.

Readathon is the UK's national sponsored reading event for schools. **Readathon** encourages children to read for pleasure - an activity proven to increase children's chances of success and personal happiness for the rest of their lives. (Source: OECD)

Readathon motivates reluctant readers to give reading a go, and keen readers to read more widely. It works because children choose what they want to read – they are not being assessed, it's all about reading for fun. We would like you to support them, in particular by sponsoring them. The money raised helps the charity Readathon to regularly give brand new books and storyteller visits to children's hospitals across the UK. For more information, check out your child's sponsorship card and visit www.readathon.org.

Please do support your child's reading efforts. Research tells us again and again that children who read for pleasure are more likely to have successful outcomes. Above all, we hope they have fun! As well as encouraging students to read for fun, our school will get free books worth 20% of our sponsorship total – so there really is something in it for everyone.

What we'd like you to do:

1. Students will be bringing home a Sponsor Card. On this, they should list what they plan to read: books, e-books, poetry, comics – anything goes!
2. They must then complete the details inside, ensuring that the '**Gift Aid**' and '**Paid Online**' boxes are ticked and the details for each sponsoring adult are accurate.
3. To make sponsorship payments, please use **ParentPay** to pay the total amount collected in one go. **Please do not send cash or cheques in to school as these won't be accepted.**
4. Once payment has been made, students will need to return their sponsorship cards to school. Please make sure their full name and tutor group has been written on the front.

Students will be set a homework task by their English teacher to complete their reading over half-term and during the rest of the Summer term. All sponsorship money must be paid via ParentPay by no later than Friday 2nd July 2021.

Thank you for your support – and happy reading!

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