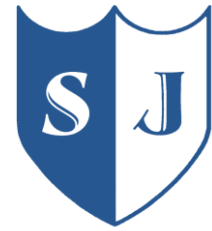


St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School

'Guided by Jesus, learning together, striving for excellence'



Friday 8th January 2021

Dear Parents / Carers,

RE: Home Reading

As we are so limited now in terms of where we can go physically and whilst so many of our children are unable to be at school, the opportunity for them to read is more important than ever. Developing the children's reading skills and vocabulary enables them to learn about the world they live in and is also a great opportunity to escape into the world of the imagination too.

'The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go. – Dr Seuss

We would like to support our home reading further by giving you the opportunity to change your child's reading book through the process outlined below.

From Wednesday 13th January, on a weekly basis, you will be able to collect a reading book for your child in a labelled envelope from the school office reception. This book will be chosen by your child's class teacher (please do not worry if they had read it before – all reading practice will be of great benefit for all children). Your child's current reading book which they have had home **must** be returned to the box in the office before a new one is collected.

You can also access a library of free e-books for your child by visiting

<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk>

Please use the usernames and passwords emailed to you from the school office and then access books suitable for your child by choosing an age appropriate book or the book band colour your child would normally read in school. Please contact your child's teacher through the class email address if you need any help selecting an appropriate book.

Other website which you may find useful are:

- **Storyline Online** - <https://www.storylineonline.net/>
- **International Children's Digital library** - <http://en.childrenslibrary.org/>
- **Amazon's Free Kids e-books** - <https://www.amazon.co.uk/free-ebooks-kids/s?k=free+ebooks+kids>

Yours faithfully,

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