



# **BISHOPSWOOD INFANT SCHOOL**

Bishopswood Infant School  
Barlows Road  
Tadley  
Hampshire  
RG26 3NA

Infant 0118 9812836

Executive Headteacher: Mr G Golding

## **Reading Race**



Dear Parents and Carers,

At Bishopswood Infant School we believe that reading is one of the most important aspects of learning, and so following on from the success of last year's 'Reading Race', we will be beginning the competition again **after October half term**.

### **What is the Reading Race?**

To encourage children to want to read at home, we have a whole school competition called the 'Reading Race'. By increasing the amount of time children read at home, they become more confident in their reading, allowing them to decode with more accuracy and read more fluently. This has a massive impact on not only their ability to read independently but also helps to develop their writing; ensuring they can access the wider curriculum e.g. history, science.

### **What counts as a child reading?**

A child needs to share a book with an adult for at least 5-10 minutes per reading session. This may be the child and adult taking it in turns to read during the session or the child reading it all. This is dependent on the age and ability of the child. It is also important to discuss the book with the child during this time.

### **How often are children expected to read?**

Children are expected to read at home three or more times during the week as part of their homework. Each time you read with your child please record in the child's reading record (monkey book) so the adults in school can see how often each child has read.

### **How do the children 'win' the race?**

Each week the percentage of children who have read at home 3 or more times during the week (Friday evening until Friday morning) is worked out and the three classes with the highest percentages of children reading move their car on the display in the hall.

The winning class moves three spaces, the 2<sup>nd</sup> class two spaces and the 3<sup>rd</sup> class one space. Also, the class which makes the most progress in their effort to read at home (the class who has highest increase in their percentage from the previous week) will be awarded by moving 2 spaces on the track. These are announced in Celebration Assembly on a Friday afternoon.

### **What happens at the end of the Race?**

At the end of the half term, the winning class is awarded with a non-school uniform day or similar reward. In addition to this, each child who has read three or more times at home during the week is given a special reading sticker to wear on their jumper and share with parents.

If you have any questions regarding reading with your child at home or the Reading Race, please speak to your child's class teacher or Mrs Marnoch, our English Leader.

Thank you for your support.

Miss Stevens  
Executive Deputy Headteacher