



INGOLDMELLS ACADEMY

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Dear Parents / Guardians



Well done to our **Legendary Readers**, Freddie C6, Harry C1, Bence C2, Connor C5, Josh C3 and Ben C2 who today received their rewards of a free book, presented to them by their teacher for their dedication, attitude or engagement in reading.

To help your child read at home please see the reverse of this letter for our second leaflet providing advice and guidance.

We can help your child to learn to read by teaching them the skill they need to decode and comprehend however, as Roald Dahl said, "**Children are made readers on the laps of their parents**".

This is so very true. Children make the greatest progress in reading by reading at school and also by reading at home with an adult.

Reading is a priority here at Ingoldmells Academy. Please help us to help your child become a reader and share a book with your child each day.

As part of our drive to increase attainment in reading we have redeveloped our library area and are now in the process of purchasing further books to enhance the current stock. As you are aware books are very expensive therefore it has been suggested that you may have non-fiction children's books in your home that are in good condition but no longer needed. If this is the case we would happily find them a home in our library for them.

Events for your Diary

Week 13th November - Anti Bullying Week in school

1st December Year 6 visit to The Life Wise Centre - More details to follow

Wednesday 6th December - Reception Parents are invited into class to share their child's Learning Journal
9am - 9.30am and 2.45pm - 3.15pm

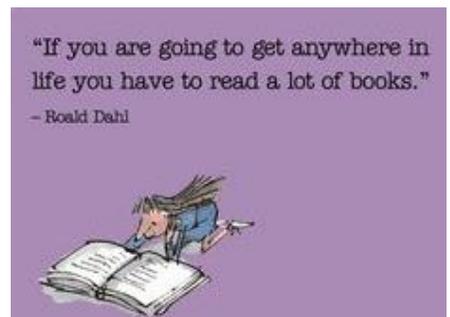
18th December - Whole academy visit to The Embassy Theatre for The Pantomime

19th December - Break school

Thursday 4th January 2018 - Return to school



Make it a target to read
with your child every day!



Kind regards

P. Maycock
Principal



This is the **second** in a series of leaflets being sent home each week. They aim to help you to help your child with their reading and to explain how, as an academy we teach and encourage reading.

How do we teach reading at Ingoldmells Academy?

We teach phonics every day to all year groups following a planned scheme of letters and sounds. Children are taught the sounds letters make and how to split them in order to decode (read) a word.

In the foundation stage, reading is taught through many varied practical activities and 1-1 reading. Reading takes the form of telling stories from pictures as well as reading words. Teachers constantly help children to develop as readers by encouraging them to identify and blend sounds in the environment. Adults read books to the children and provide enticing areas for the children to independently select and read books.

Throughout KS1 the skill of reading is taught in all subjects as well as in small guided reading groups and as 1-1 reading with an adult. Staff plan activities for each group to support the application of reading and to help the children fully understand what they are reading (comprehension). These guided reading sessions take place at least four times a week.

A bookmark will be sent home with their reading book in KS1. This includes questions you could use to support reading comprehension. If you require further information please make an appointment to see the class teacher who will be happy to help you.

Your child can take home a library book to share. Children will be given the opportunity to exchange their library book each week. Children are encouraged to take care of these books and to return them. As you can appreciate, books are expensive therefore lost or damaged books will incur a charge.

Watch out for next week's leaflet in this series of supporting reading at home.

Alternatively get the full set from our academy website.