Firthmoor Primary School

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7th September 2016 Reception

Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome back after the summer holidays. The autumn term is always an exciting and busy one, especially as it is when we set out goals for the coming year. This year, one of the main school aims will be to accelerate reading development within Reception.

Children become readers long before they learn how to read. During their time in Reception we will be sharing books to extend their vocabulary and understanding and teaching the children how to blend the letter sounds in order to read words and become independent readers.

To celebrate 100 years since his birth, we will be enjoying Roald Dahl's stories this half term.

Our first book bonanza will take place on Monday 12th September at 3pm. The staff/children will be holding a second hand book sale (for children and parents) at a cost of 4 books for £1. New Roald Dahl books will be available to buy for £1 each. Our aim is two-fold: to raise funds for the purchase of new library books, whilst showing the children that adults also buy and enjoy books.

Over the year, Reception staff will have workshops and events planned, beginning with a phonics session on <u>22nd September at 2.30pm</u> in school. We will talk about our approach to reading and explain the systems involved both in class and with home reading.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs A Dixon Headteacher Read Every Day!