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READING FOR PLEASURE AT RIPON GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Dear Parents,

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We all know the many benefits of reading, and more and more supporting research is being published showing that reading for pleasure builds empathy and improves wellbeing and happiness and that students who read regularly gain higher results in mathematics, vocabulary and spelling at the end of secondary education (please see below for links to the research findings).

As part of our drive to develop a whole school reading culture and give a high priority to literacy and reading for pleasure, **all Lower School students are expected to carry a reading book in their bags at all times.** This means that whenever a member of staff decides to have a period of quiet reading, students will be prepared and will not have to waste lesson time finding something to read. **After the half term break we will be expecting that all the students will have a suitable book with them at all times.**

If you could find some time to discuss reading with your child, I'm sure this will encourage them to find a book that they really want to read and I am always available in the library to help and advise the students. There is a large selection of books in the school library, or students can bring a book from home.

Thank you for your support with this initiative.

Yours sincerely,

S C Dring (Mrs)
Learning Resources Manager
Literacy Co-ordinator

- <https://literacytrust.org.uk/news/children-who-enjoy-reading-and-writing-have-significantly-better-mental-wellbeing-their-peers/>
- <http://readingagency.org.uk/news/media/reading-for-pleasure-builds-empathy-and-improves-wellbeing-research-from-the-reading-agency-finds.html>
- <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/education-24046971>.

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