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Additional Parent communication – Wednesday 9th October 2024

Parent, Teacher Association (PTA)

The all-new SAIL PTA is now starting to form from some eager teachers, SLT and support staff but most importantly from some brilliant parents who have expressed an interest in helping to raise funds.

Our first project is the development of a Nature Garden for all the pupils to use for lessons, relaxation and wellbeing. If you are interested in helping to plan a Christmas Fayre, please contact Caroline Morland via email to the Reception or on Class Dojo. Our first meeting is tonight on **WEDNESDAY 8th OCTOBER at 7pm in our school library or, join by TEAMS**. BYO wine/beer but sweet and savoury treats will be provided. Our main agenda item is to plan our **PUB QUIZ WEDNESDAY 23rd OCTOBER** at the Royal George pub in Bedwin Street, Salisbury. So come along and join the team.

Upcoming PTA dates:

- **Wednesday 8th October** - PTA meeting – all welcome at school and via TEAMS – express your interest to Reception/Caroline Morland
- **Wednesday 23rd October** - PTA Pub Quiz – teams of 6 needed –at the Royal George pub, Salisbury. Details to follow.

Notes from parent evenings

As mentioned in the parent communication on Friday, we would be sending out the notes and information that was discussed, these are:

- Overview (general)
- Overviews (curriculum) – Primary, KS3 and KS4
- Pastoral overview
- Notes form SENCO
- Reading overview



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Reading update

During the parent/carer curriculum evenings we highlighted the importance of reading.

Reading is a skill for life – a way to access the curriculum in school and the wider world around us. Hence the huge importance we place on learning to read, here at SAIL.

Learning to read (decode words) starts with phonics sounds. As a trust, Reach South follow the Read Write Inc system across all academies. At SAIL, we adapt the Read Write Inc teaching methods to suit each pupil as required – be it 1:1 tutoring; small group/pair work; a different approach for our non-verbal students or the use of Fresh Start for our more mature non-readers.

As Reading Leader, Caroline Morland has been busy assessing all pupils in their reading levels across the whole school. This gives her a unique picture into the wider needs of the school for resources, staff training and provision for the pupils. She will be in touch soon via Class Dojo and Arbor with details of how your child can access our Oxford Owl subscription to read free e-books. She is also sending out Scholastic Book Club magazines so you can purchase a wide range of discounted books whilst earning commission for the school to develop the new 'Beach' Library, available to all pupils break/lunch. Additional parent guides for paired reading and other ways to support your child will also be coming home this term.

Once a pupil is a fluent reader, the emphasis in lessons shifts to developing their comprehension of what they read - specifically the reading skills of exploring:

- vocabulary,
- inference about the plot or a character's feelings,
- prediction,
- explaining a text,
- retrieving facts,
- summarising.

These are all vital skills that are taught across a wide range of fiction and non-fiction styles of text. Caroline will be sending home resources for you to help your child when reading a book, a magazine, a graphic novel (comic) or even the internet.



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She recommended to the parents at the curriculum evenings that lots of the reading skills can be subtly developed whilst watching a film or TV show with your child.

Finally, we are keen to support your child to develop a love of reading. All the teachers and support staff will be promoting a range of ways to enjoy reading throughout the year. For example, Thursday 3rd October was National Poetry Day, and we were delighted to hear some of our youngest pupils performing poems with such gusto and skill.

If you are in doubt about how to support your child with reading, please look out for the emails/Class Dojo updates coming this term, check out the new website page on our school site coming this term and ask your child's tutor/teacher or message Caroline Morland as Reading Leader. Thank you for supporting us to support your child's reading.