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Dear Parents and Carers,

## PURPLE MASH UPDATES

I'd like to take this opportunity to say huge "thank you" to everyone for the really positive engagement with the use of Purple Mash as our new system for recording reading and setting homework. Your support with these new ways of working has been very much appreciated.

In response to parental feedback, we are pleased to announce that, after the half-term holidays, we will be able to move to a more streamlined method of recording home reading on *Purple Mash*. '2 Simple', the software company that makes *Purple Mash* have launched a new reading record feature, which is an electronic version of a traditional, paper-based reading record. We hope this will make recording easier for parents as it will allow parents to record a number of reading entries on one page, and to 'hand in' the record on a Friday, before 9am, in much the same way that we used to with our planners.

From the first week back, after half-term, we will move away from the *Reading Blog* system and will begin to use this new feature.

A detailed guide has been attached to this letter. Please just ask if you'd like any more help with this.

Date, book & page No	My comments

Homework will continue to be set via *Purple Mash*. Feedback from children is that they enjoy using the system to upload their work and receive comments from teachers.

If you have any questions about how to access certain areas of Purple Mash or would like any help with using the system, please give the office a call so that we can arrange for somebody to call you back.

Many thanks, as always, for your support. It really is very much appreciated in these times!

Miss E Parry (English Lead)

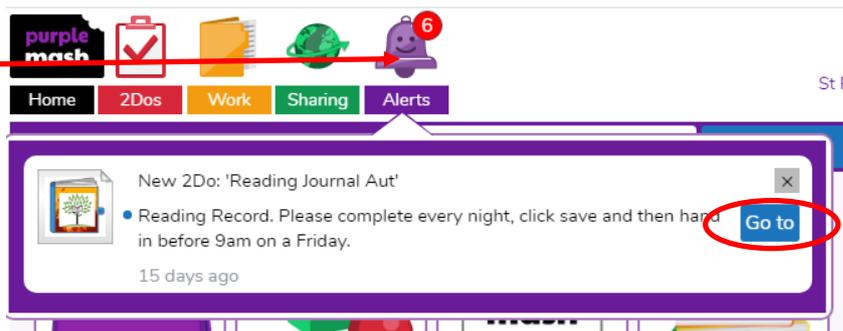
## Using the New Reading Record Feature in Purple Mash

Ask your child to log-in to Purple Mash.

Click the purple **Alert** bell in the top menu bar.

Choose the **Reading Journal 2Do** that has been set.

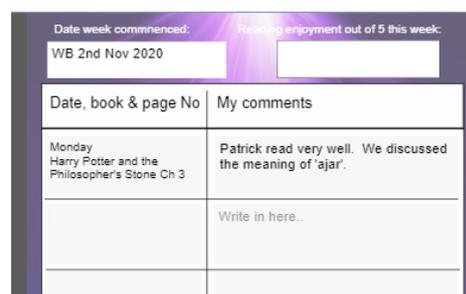
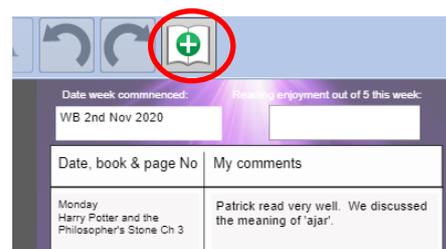
Click **Go To**.



The reading record will open. Click the *add page* icon to add a new weekly spread.

Type Monday's date in the *Week Commencing* box.

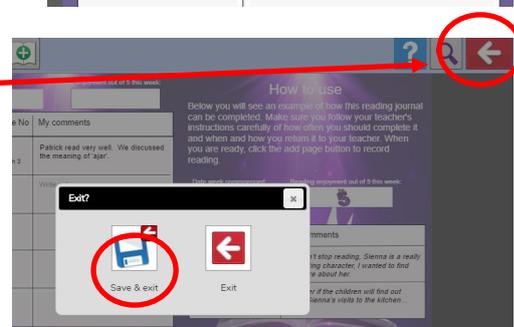
Each time you hear your child read, please type the day and book details in the first column and any comments in the second.



After commenting, click the red *exit* arrow.

You will then be prompted to save.

Click **Save and Exit**.



You can return to the reading record by clicking the purple bell again or by clicking the red 2Do icon and selecting it from the list of active 2Dos.

Click **Continue Work** to comment again.



Each week, you will need to 'hand-in' the record for a teacher to see. To do this, click **Hand In**

Reading records should be handed in each week **BEFORE 9AM ON A FRIDAY.**

