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*We follow in Christ's footsteps*

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Dear Parents and Carers,

## READING AND SPELLING AUTUMN TERM 2020

### READING

A huge "thank you" to everyone for the really positive engagement with the use of Purple Mash as our new reading record system. Teachers have enjoyed reading the comments when children read at home. We will be continuing with our reading incentive raffle this term. Please comment on your child's reading blog whenever you hear them, read at home. The expectation that children read at home **at least** three times per week (preferably every night) remains and staff will continue to check these reading records each Friday. This term, due to current restrictions, children will not be handed a raffle ticket, but their tickets will still be placed into the whole-school draw, which will take place at the end of the half-term, and the winning child will receive a family voucher for a local restaurant. The winning family can exchange for a 'take-away' if that is preferable.

### SPELLING

In order to minimise the passing of items between home and school, the spelling pot initiative has needed to be suspended this term. Instead, as a way to keep parents informed of children's spelling achievements and to allow children to practise words and rules they find tricky, every Friday, after the spelling test, a list of the words tested will be uploaded to Purple Mash. Children will receive an alert of this list. Please look at this list with your child and ask them about any words they got wrong and need to revisit. If a teacher has any concerns about a child's spelling score, a short comment will be added to the reading blog to let you know. If you don't receive a comment regarding spelling scores, please assume all is well and there are no concerns. (It would still be beneficial to ask your child about the test and to chat about the words with them).

Your support with these new ways of working has been very much appreciated. 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,  
Miss E Parry

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