Dear Parent / Guardian

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Reading At St Joseph’s

As many of you will be aware, the Department for Education (DfE) recently published the school performance tables which showed the excellent academic performance of our children and demonstrates that we are the best performing in school in Brent.

To maintain standards and further improve the learning potential of our pupils, it is important that we do not lose sight of the essential skill of reading. To be able to read proficiently gives children full access to the curriculum at St Joseph’s and is an essential life skill. The fast pace of change in information technology is to be embraced but excellent reading skills are still needed to view websites and read e-mails.

With this in mind, I would encourage you to spend at least 10 minutes a day reading with your child or listening to your child read aloud. This will help your child’s reading to improve but will also give you an opportunity to spend time with your child, learning new things together. Therefore, please check your child’s bag every day to read the book or word list that may have been sent home. I would also strongly suggest visiting libraries and book stores where you can borrow or purchase books.

We have recently been blessed with donations of books from your homes and we will add further books to the school library with the £3,000 raised at the Christmas Spectacular in December. Your generosity, support and partnership is truly valued and will make a difference to your children now and for future readers at St Joseph’s.

God bless

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