

15th September 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

Reading Volunteers

We are looking for parent/carers or grandparents to put themselves forward as reading volunteers in school to help children improve their skills and develop a passion for reading. The role would require you to listen to children read on a one-to-one basis for a short amount of time every week (around 30 minutes per week or longer if you have time). Most classes will need volunteers in the afternoons.

We'd like to emphasise that absolutely no teaching experience is required for the role. The purpose of the volunteers is for them to be there to listen to children read to give them practice of reading aloud to build their confidence and enjoyment of reading.

We will be holding a training session for all volunteers on **Thursday 30th September**. The session will consist of 2 essential parts:

Safeguarding- 9.15am – 9.45am with Amanda Clifton

Reading Strategies- 9.45am – 10.30am with Sarah Greenway

If you are interested in listening to children read in school on a weekly basis, please complete the google form below by **Monday 27th September**.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd1_NrhaMXL483CX_2dUCIzAeJnIo_ME7-et7IKL11AAq6IHw/viewform?usp=sf_link

If you have been a reading volunteer in the past you will still need to attend the safeguarding training and it would be useful to attend the reading training too to update you on any changes.

All reading volunteers will need to hold a DBS (formerly known as CRB) certificate, which the school will fund and apply for on your behalf. If you have already worked as a volunteer at Oswald Road and your DBS is still in date then you will not need a new one.

Kind regards,

Sarah Greenway (Reading and Parental Links Lead) & Amanda Clifton (Pastoral and Support Manager)



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