



2nd October 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

Reading Volunteer Workshop

We are looking for parent/carers, grandparents or people in the community who would like to become a reading volunteer in school.

We would 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 and to give them practice of reading aloud to build their confidence and enjoyment of 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 45 minutes per week or longer if you have time). Most classes will need volunteers in the afternoons.

If you would like to become a reading volunteer, we would require you to attend a mandatory training session, details listed below.

Date: Thursday 12th October

Time: 8:45am – 9:30am

Location: Studio

This will cover:

- How to support a child with reading at school
- What is phonics and how to pronounce pure sounds
- What makes a good reader?

If you are interested in listening to children read in school on a weekly basis, please complete the google form by Monday 9th October: <https://forms.gle/v1LEjmd76MgmFBt9>

This year, all volunteers will need to do Level 1 'Safeguarding Everyone' which is a short online course (no more than an hour). You will be able to do this in your own time or Ms Clifton, our Pastoral and Support Manager will arrange a time for volunteers to do this in school on a different date.

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