



19th September 2024

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.

We will be running training for all reading volunteers in school on **Thursday 10th October** from 8:45am – 9:30am. This will cover the role of the reading volunteer and how to support a child with reading at school.

If you are interested in listening to children read in school on a weekly basis, please complete this google form by Monday 30th September:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSekO4YIrsTixbLKA17fpsUuGunTJsuaQVwA1gos9gmZRSmdDA/viewform?usp=sf_link

This year, all volunteers will need to do Level 1 'Safeguarding Everyone' training, 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)