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INTRODUCING THE 'READING CLOUD' – KS2

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Dear Parent / Carer

Our school is strongly committed to improving literacy and knows the importance of reading for pleasure, we want to encourage children to enjoy reading and to read a wide range of good quality literature. After half term we will be officially launching our very own 'Reading Olympics', but in the meantime I am delighted to inform you that the school has recently made a significant investment in our library with the introduction of a new online version of our library catalogue. The new system allows pupils, staff and parents to view our school library catalogue online and pupils are encouraged to use this to help with research, to write reviews about books they have read and search for new books and other library resources.

The system includes a fantastic new feature called 'Who Next' which recommends new books and authors based on the books that your child has already read. You will be able to use this feature at home to help your child select their next book, it is also possible to see what past loans your child has made from the library and the book that they are currently reading. Children will also be able to interact with one another to discuss books and reading using a safe social network where any instances of misuse can be immediately reported.

You can access the system via the 'kids' zone' on the school website or directly using the following link: www.readingcloud.net, your child will receive their logon and password information after half term and be given a session to orientate themselves with the system; please let the office know if you do not wish them to participate. If you have access to an iPhone, iPad, iPod touch or Android phone, then you can also download a new App called '**IMLS**' to access the library from those devices. The app is available from the App Store and Android Market. Having the library accessible in this way and having you engaged with reading will help support our commitment to improving literacy standards. We hope you find this new facility useful and enjoy using it with your child.

Yours faithfully,

Jonathan Wanless
Headteacher