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Dear Parents,

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Last term we wrote to inform you of our reading initiative focusing on improving pupils' reading fluency (through choral, echo and paired reading). We have been pleased with the effectiveness of this focus and are continuing to use the techniques in our daily practice.

This term we are focussing on building pupils' **reading stamina**. Stamina is the ability to stay focused and read independently for long-ish periods of time without being distracted or without distracting others. In this age of fast-paced technologies and many distractions, this is proving increasingly difficult for children. Pupils who lack reading stamina find it difficult to comprehend what has been read and may struggle with reading comprehension activities in class.

We have been impressed with how quickly the pupils have begun to build their stamina since starting this focus last week. We would like to share the approach with you, as it may be useful to use it at home to encourage your child to read at length and with focus. Here are some top tips for pupils:

1. Find a 'just right' book (a book which you can read without needing support and with subject matter that interests you)
2. Choose a comfortable place to read in (somewhere you feel most relaxed)
3. Avoid reading near distractions (TV, phone, etc.)

We have been timing each class's ability to read without stopping each day and they have seen instant progress to feel proud of. Maybe you could introduce this timed challenge element at home? We'd love to hear about **where** your child reads and for **how long** he/she can sustain his/her attention on reading so that we can celebrate stamina success in school.

HEALTHY SCHOOL AWARD We are working towards gaining accreditation as a Healthy School. This term the focus is on a healthy diet and regular exercise. We are aiming for a minimum of 30 minutes of physical activity for every child every day and encouraging only healthy snacks at school.

PARENTS' EVENING You can book an appointment at the school office from Monday.

TUESDAY 4 February 3.50pm – 6.20pm

WEDNESDAY 12 February 3.50pm – 6.20pm



Our table tennis stars were magnificent in the Scarborough schools' tournament this week.



VOLUNTEERS WANTED – We are always on the look out for volunteers who can spare an hour or two to help listen to our pupils read. Please contact the office if you know someone who might be interested.

SCHOOL DINNER CHANGES Wacky Wednesday is next week and Elder Class have chosen Sausage Wrap, Chips, Peas and Sweetcorn, followed by Chocolate Cookie and Ice Cream. On Thursday 23 January it is 'Pizza Day' please see our poster next week for details.

DATES FOR DIARY

Y2 Winter Sports Lesson at Everyone Active – Sports Village	Tuesday 21.01.2020
Surf Safety – Alpamare – Elder Class	Tuesday 21.01.2020
Surf Safety – Alpamare – Hazel Class	Thursday 23.01.2020
Y3 Winter Sports Lesson at Everyone Active – Sports Village	Tuesday 28.01.2020
Parents' Evening	Tuesday 04.02.2020
Parents' Evening	Wednesday 12.02.2020
February Half Term	Monday 17 February – Friday 21 February
School Re-opens	Monday 24 February

Yours sincerely

Jonathan Wanless ~ Headteacher

