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LEARNING THROUGH PARTNERSHIP AND SUPPORT

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Dear Parents and Carers,

The Power of Reading in Primary Education

At Llanharan Primary School, we believe that reading is one of the most vital skills your child will develop during their time in primary school. It opens doors to imagination, knowledge, and lifelong learning. That's why we place reading at the heart of our curriculum. The school has recently invested in £5,500.00 on new reading resources for our pupils to use in school.

Building Blocks: Phonics and Spelling

Every day, your child engages in 25 minutes of focused phonics or spelling instruction. These sessions lay the foundation for confident, fluent reading. We use the highly effective *Monster Phonics* programme to support early reading development, and from the age of seven, pupils transition to *Spelling Superheroes*—a fun and empowering way to deepen their understanding of spelling patterns and rules.

Guided Reading: Developing Comprehension and Confidence

In addition to phonics and spelling, each child participates in a 25-minute guided reading session daily. These sessions help children develop essential skills such as comprehension, inference, vocabulary building, and reading fluency. Altogether, we dedicate 50 minutes every day to the explicit teaching of reading. This does not include any further support your child receives through their IDP targets and our comprehensive Universal Provision.

Reading at Home: Your Role Matters

Reading with your child every day at home is just as important as what we teach in school. To support this, we provide and fully fund each pupil with an account for *Oxford Reading Buddies*—an engaging online platform where children can access a wide range of books matched to their reading level. Each book is followed by a quiz that mirrors the format of the Welsh National Tests, helping to build your child's confidence and familiarity with the assessment style.

We kindly ask that you support your child in reading each night at home. This daily practice makes a significant difference in their progress and enjoyment of reading. If you need a reminder of your child's login details, please contact their class teacher.

Supporting at Home: Parent Webinars

To help you understand how *Monster Phonics* works and how you can support your child's reading journey, we encourage you to join our parent webinars. These sessions offer valuable insights into the programme and its progression across the early years. You can access the webinars via

15.9.25 10.00am

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1434862685919?aff=oddtcreator>

15.9.25 7.00pm

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What You'll Learn:

- ✓ What phonics is and why it's essential
- ✓ Key phonics terminology made simple
- ✓ An introduction to the Monster Phonics programme
- ✓ How to make phonics & reading at home fun and effective

Why Attend? Helping your child at home can make a huge difference — but most parents are never taught how phonics works. This webinar will give you the **tools, clarity and confidence** to support your child's learning in a way that's fun for both of you.

 **Duration:** 60 minutes

 **Format:** Live Zoom webinar

 **Cost:** Free

Join Us: Parent Meeting Invitation

We warmly invite you to a parent meeting on **Tuesday 16th September at 3.40pm in the school hall**. During this session, we will share the exciting learning journey your child undertakes from Reception through to Year 2, and how you can be an active part of their reading development.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us nurture a love of reading in every child. Together, we can ensure that every pupil becomes a confident, curious, and capable reader.

Kind regards,

Bethan Price, Head teacher.