The Holy Family

Catholic School

Our Ref: ZJA/SLA

12 June 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Read A Book Week 15th June 2020

As you are aware, the reading ability of a student has a massive impact on how well they can access the whole curriculum. We know from research all over the world that students who read widely and often do better at school than children who do not. To this end, the school places a huge value on reading, and has a number of initiatives and interventions in place to help improve the reading ages of all our young people.

To support this, we will be suspending lessons next week and encouraging all students to read a book. We have suggested a number of options on the school website via this link https://www.holyfamilyschool.uk/read-a-book-week/. The books here are available to read with an accompanying voice over and can be read on phones. If your child prefers, they can choose a book of their own to read.

We have spent an enormous amount of time, energy and money promoting a love of reading over time and particularly in the last year. The one missing link for some students remains whether they have enough of a reading habit to get into reading; to get into a book. If they don't, our constant enthusing will inevitably come to nothing. This is a week when you can support us to embed this habit!

Our solution is to expect regularity from the students —a daily habit. We would like to insist that students engage with reading, with you or independently using the reading list provided each week. Students can choose to read books from other years but must try to read one book per week. They need to try to prioritise reading and use every moment at home to read a book to make it a habit.

Reading opens your heart to new ideas, new cultures, and new worldviews. Please come with us on this journey and let's get all of our children reading regularly and enjoying it. Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Z Javed
Teacher of English & Reading Coordinator