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Dear Parents,

At the start of this academic year, we launched a drive to increase reading for pleasure amongst pupils. We have begun this journey with a variety of activities in school.

### **Suffolk Library Service**

Mrs Jones hosted Suffolk Library Service in school with the aim of securing ideas and strategies for developing the libraries at both schools. The libraries are to some extent dated and need an injection of new and popular texts which will entice the children to read.

The old, dull, dated books will be removed and with help we hope to begin to fill the shelves with new titles. Funding will be sourced from external trusts. The library service is also helping with donations of unused library stock.

Families can help by donating books no longer needed at home. Fiction and non-fiction titles will all be greatly received. If your family has enjoyed reading it, then we are sure that another child in school will also enjoy it.

### **Get Caught Reading**

Children from all classes entered the get caught reading competition with winners in each key stage.

In EYFS/KS1 Etta read on a dumper truck and Hayden in the bath.

While in KS2 Logan was caught reading while standing on his horse and Alba took her book into the swimming pool!

### **Class reading shelves and book areas**

All classrooms now have a reading shelf or book area where children can read comfortably. Books on the shelves will include ones that cover children's interests and are recommended reads from staff and other children. Children are in the process of completing a reading survey which will inform the choice of titles available for reading.

### **Reading Surveys**

Staff and parents have also completed reading surveys which are helping to inform what we do in school and the support that we offer to children. Turn over to find out what people said.



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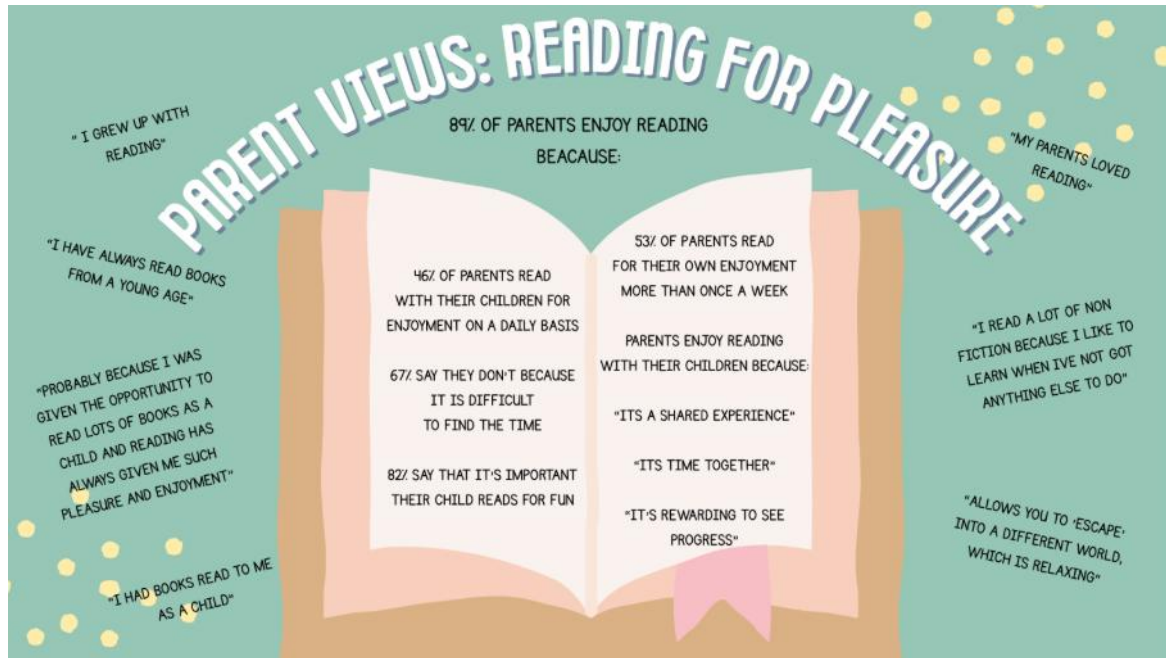
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**Still to come this year.....**

*Mendham only After school book club: Children will be able to book into extended schools club to take part in book club. During book club the adult will read a story and give everyone the opportunity to discuss the book. This will be followed up with a variety of activities to engage children in the story.*

Amazon wish list: Whether favourite authors, topics, fiction, nonfiction, poetry or a book series. These titles will be added to an Amazon wish list for any parent, family or community member to buy from and contribute to our school libraries. Books donated this way will have a book plate inserted inside the front cover letting the reader know who donated the book.

Teachers will be starting the new academic year with a visit to Bury St. Edmund's library who have a new Children's department. While there they will be taking advantage of the new school library cards and stocking up on books for the classroom.

Yours Sincerely  
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