Dear Parents,

We are writing to you again, as an English Department, to thank those who attended our first proper ‘Reading Meeting’ of the year on Tuesday 9th November at 5pm. We had a fantastic turn out and received some really useful feedback from attendees about different ways that we can all work together to promote reading across the school and at home. Thank you also to those who let us know that they could not attend due to work commitments- there is a recording of the meeting available on the school website should you wish to view it retrospectively. We have listened to your feedback and we will seek to consider the timings of these meetings in future, to enable more people to attend.

One of the ideas that was raised during the meeting was the introduction of a ‘Parent’ Reading club and/or ‘Parent Readers’ to come into school during lesson time, to support with reading. We had a lot of interest about this from parents during the meeting on Tuesday 9th November and this is something that we are very interested in working on and promoting.

At present, we are considering two main ideas:

1. Introducing ‘Parent Readers,’ where parents are invited into school to support with reading in lessons.
2. Introducing a ‘Reading Club’ which is supported by parents after school (details of this are yet to be finalised).

Both of these ideas are ones that we feel could have a brilliant impact on the engagement with reading of our students but we need to gauge parental interest and availability in order to come up with a ‘plan.’

Therefore, if you are available during the school week and are happy to volunteer with either of these schemes (even just once a week or fortnight for an hour) then please could you email reading@alns.co.uk with your name and daily availability. I know a couple of parents offered their help during Tuesday’s meeting but if you could please also email us with your information too then that would be really helpful. Once we have a list of parents who are happy to support us with this exciting venture, then we will be able to finalise a plan around your availability and input. We can then also invite you into school to meet you in person and to give you some training on how to teach and support children with reading before we start the programme properly.

If you are interested in being involved in either of these ventures, then please email ***reading@alns.co.uk*** ***by Friday 19th November 2021,*** so that we can start to plan the next stage of this project.

Many thanks again for all your help and support. Please do continue to let us know if any of you have any ideas for how we can continue to promote reading and encourage your children to do it- the more brains we have working on this then the better the outcomes will be. We are open to exploring all options at present!

Yours faithfully,

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