



# Gusford Primary School

*"Promoting Achievement and Success."*

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Dear Parents/Carers,

***We know from our work with parents and children in communities across the UK, that fostering a love of reading at home is crucial to children's future happiness and success. "Parents are really important reading role models and our research shows that children's attitudes to reading improve the more they see their parents read so we'd encourage all parents to make time for enjoying a good book themselves." (Clare Bolton National Literacy Trust)"***

Thank you for your continued support last term. In order to promote reading and encourage your child to read every day, the children will have the opportunity to earn 'picnic points'. If your child has read for 50-60mins per week every week, for nine out of twelve weeks, they will be invited to attend a picnic at the end of term. Those children exceeding this target will also be rewarded by being able to wear their own clothes to the picnic.

If your child does not meet the minimum requirements for an invitation to the picnic **they will not attend** and will spend the afternoon with a member of the Senior Leadership team participating in reading activities.

The 'picnic points' initiative will start on **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2017** and the expectation is that your child will read for 50-60 minutes every week **until Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> July including the Half Term holiday**. All points will be collated on **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July** am.

Therefore please encourage your child to take part in this. There is a copy of a completed reading journal attached (one page per week); the calculated total should also be recorded at the top of the page as shown, in addition to your signature. It is expected that the diary will be signed by an adult, not a child, to demonstrate that the reading or response to reading has happened **collaboratively**. Any reading comments would also be very much appreciated. If you would like any support or guidance on listening to your child read, please speak to your child's class teacher regarding this.

The importance of reading everyday with your child and the impact that it has on their development is without question, it is the key to progression in learning, as it underpins knowledge and understanding across the curriculum.

Kind Regards

The Lower Junior Team.



The *Active Learning* Trust





# My Reading Record

Date, book and page number	Comments <small>Colour in or tick the stars to show how much you enjoyed your reading</small>
1-5-17 Grandpas Great Escape P.335	Katie read for 1 hour Barker. <div style="text-align: right;">☆☆☆☆☆</div>
2-5-17 Grandpas Great Escape P361	Katie read for 30 mins Barker. <div style="text-align: right;">☆☆☆☆☆</div>
4/5/17 Grandpas Great Escape P375	Katie read for 15 mins Barker <div style="text-align: right;">☆☆☆☆☆</div>
5-5-17 Grandpas Great Escape P 439	Katie read for 1 hour. Barker. <div style="text-align: right;">☆☆☆☆☆</div>
7-5-17 Demon Dentist P108	Katie read for 1 hr Barker. <div style="text-align: right;">☆☆☆☆☆</div>
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Tricky words, or words to practise			