



HEANOR GATE SCIENCE COLLEGE

“Develop all learners to achieve their full potential”
“Create a culture of aspiration”

Principal: **Mr S Huntington**



October 2019

Dear Parent/Carer

Reading Week: ‘Raising Readers’ – 14–18 October 2019

We take great pride in being able to write to you to tell you more about our first Reading Week, to be held in school during October. We’ve called it ‘Raising Readers’ and our mission is simple: to get all of our students reading for at least 20 minutes every day. For the whole of Reading Week all students and staff will spend the first five minutes of every lesson reading a book of their choice.

There will be five Reading Weeks across this year in total.

Why?

We do everything we can to help your child read and write during lessons. However, we also want them to be confident so that they can tackle any piece of text, or writing, in an independent situation. We know that reading is the key to success and we are determined to give your child every opportunity to develop their love of reading.

What can you do?

Parents regularly ask us how they can support their child with reading. Research shows that two simple things can really make a difference:

1. Reading with your child – try to do this at least once a day. This is not just something for very young children! Share the reading of a chapter or let your child read to you.
2. Ensure that children have access to books, newspapers and magazines at home.

It is proven that children who read widely and often, and who see and have access to lots of books and magazines, do better in school than children who don’t. We are committed to giving your child the best possible chance at this and so, with ‘Raising Readers’, we are asking you to work with us on our mission by taking steps to support your child with their reading.

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What next?

Between now and the beginning of Reading Week please ensure that your child is prepared with a book they will look forward to reading every day. Books can be borrowed from a local library or from our school library which is well-stocked with a wonderful and diverse collection of books. Students can of course bring books from home or buy new books – we would just ask that you take some time before then to talk to your child about what they will be reading and check that it is suitable for them.

Thank you for your support with 'Raising Readers' and Reading Week. If I can help with anything, or you have further questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'K Wiltshire'.

Mrs K Wiltshire
Vice Principal

