

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2020



Dear Parents/Carers,

As we continue to do our best to ensure that the children are settled back into their classes we are keen to get started on this year's whole school reading challenge. When we were considering how this would work, we felt that the most fitting 'theme' for our 2020-21 Eastlea reading challenge would be **"Rainbows"** and so on **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September** for **ALL pupils from Nursery to Year 6** we will be launching our...

# Rainbow Reading Challenge!

For the many families who have been involved in our 'launch events' over recent years, you will notice some differences in how we need to go about things in 2020-21 – but we still want to get started 'in style' for the children so have the following activities planned in school on 25<sup>th</sup> September...

1. **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September** will be a **non-uniform day** for all pupils! We want this to be a cheerful and colourful celebration of reading so hope to see as many children as possible (and staff!) coming dressed in a bright 'rainbow' colour for the day! **The 'fine' for coming in non-uniform is £1 per child.** The money raised will go towards our 'reading books fund'. **Everyone who brings in their '£1' fine will have their name entered into a RAINBOW RAFFLE with edible prizes – some for each class!** *[To make this easier, the £1 can be brought in at any time during the week so that no one forgets, as the 'rainbow bag' prizes will be awarded on Friday afternoon!]*

2. At a Zoom whole school assembly that morning the organisation of the reading challenge will be outlined so that everyone knows what they are aiming for.

3. During the day the staff will also:

- 'unveil' and explain their class rainbow reading challenge display
- make sure the children have the opportunity to read and get their first sticker on their bronze bookmark
- explain the class 'expectations' for weekly reading in school and at home
- provide information to be brought home/shared with parents/carers too so you are clear what is expected too

4. Although we cannot invite parents/carers of pupils into school this year for this event, we do still want you to be involved. So, we are asking that over the weekend of 26<sup>th</sup>/27<sup>th</sup> September, you **share a book with your child(ren) and upload a photo of this shared reading onto either Tapestry or Seesaw – once this has been received your child will get their next sticker on their bronze rainbow bookmark.** A selection of these pictures will be printed and displayed in school.

We very much hope you can support your child with this event and look forward to seeing the photos posted of the children sharing a book with you at home.

Yours sincerely

Miss Beeston and Mrs Lister

