



Dear Parents,

Today we are launching our '**Sponsored Book Challenge**'. Due to COVID restrictions we are unable to plan the usual class cake sale to raise money for Apple Class resources. Over the years, it has been a really good way to source money for a range of items within the class such as the water tray, mud kitchen, science and IT resources and more recently decodable reading books.

Myself, Jon, with the help of Claire Dando, Kate Mitchell and Craig Brooks we have come up with an exciting opportunity to not only raise money for more books but to also include the children and families in the process. The hope is that by including the children in the money raising it will give them a greater understanding and respect for how much books cost and the importance of looking after them. Plus, a sponsored read relates nicely to our topic this term 'Traditional Tales'.

The challenge set is over the next four weeks we would like to reach **1000 pages** read, across the whole class. There is no minimum or maximum expectation just to have a go and get as many sponsors as possible, from your family and friends. You could use books from your home library or those sent home from school. You may want to do a one off read or take a week to add up the pages. You may want to set your own challenge suitable for your child, the key is to have fun and enjoy the experience of being involved in a whole class fund raiser.

To make it easier to collect the sponsorship money, I have set up a '**Just Giving**' page. This enables extended family and friends to be involved. Craig has put together a beautiful flyer with colouring in page and the link has been sent via email and is on the bottom of the flyer.

https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/applesponsoredread?utm_term=aBqKK9KJK

We hope that you will get on board and have fun reading as many pages as possible, with your child over the next few weeks. We aim to close the **Just Giving** page by the end of this term. Sally has already allowed me to purchase books so that the children have access now, so any money raised will be reimbursed to the school. However, any further money will go towards more books.

If you have any questions do not hesitate to ask. Thank you, Claire, Kate and Craig, for supporting us and helping to make this a fun event.

Best wishes

Nikki, Jon and Sue