



16th November 2022

Dear Parent/ Carer,

We are contacting you as part of our **school-wide approach to support students who struggle with reading**. Research shows that reading for pleasure helps students to perform better in all of their academic subjects. We also know that reading aloud regularly is the best way to support children becoming more confident readers. As you are aware, the Covid-19 pandemic has caused challenges for children's learning across the U.K which has led to a larger gap between disadvantaged children and their peers.

At St.Clement's, we have created a strategy to support all our children in achieving their best outcomes - but **we need your help!**

We have designed a Paired Reading Programme, where staff and students across the school will listen to struggling readers regularly. Unfortunately, the number of children who would benefit from support means that we are hoping that our school community will help us to achieve our aim of improving reading across the school.

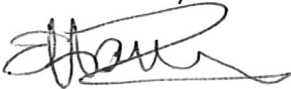
We are hoping to hear from any parents, grandparents, and any friends of our community who might be able to spare **one hour per week** to support students with their reading. **This could take place at the beginning of the school day (between 8:30-9:30am) or at the end of the day (2:30-3:30pm).**

If you, or someone you know, might be able to support with this exciting new programme please could you **contact Ms. Harvey by Friday 25th November, 2022.**

We look forward to welcoming our community into our school for such a great cause!

Any questions, please email Ms. Harvey directly.

Yours faithfully



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