

ABBOTSWOOD SCHOOL

'Helping **everyone** achieve their best'

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'It Really Does Matter'

Reading Café

Dear Year 3 parents/carers,

We are delighted to invite you to our Reading Café on Monday 9th November at 9:15 until 10:25.

At Abbotswood, we are passionate about encouraging all our children to become life-long readers. However, we understand that this can sometimes be a challenge because it can be tricky to know where to find the best books, difficult to know which new books might interest our children and it can sometimes be hard to get our children reading at home.

Our Reading Café is here to help you!

At our Reading Café, there will be a range of 'stalls' manned by some 'experts' to help you support your child with reading and encourage them to read for pleasure.

The stalls at our Reading Café will include:

- Staff from **Totton Library** who will be ready to help you and your family **sign up to the library** service and can tell you all about the events the library has to offer.
- Staff from **Hampshire's School Library Service** who will be on hand to talk about the eBook platform Sora and share their **recommended reads** for children. They will be focusing on the best books for Years 3 and 4 but will be more than happy to talk about recommended reads for other age groups too.
- Staff from **Abbotswood** who will be sharing their '**top tips**' about **encouraging reading** at home and share some ways that you can help your children when reading with them.
- Our **school librarian, Mrs Duell**, who will be sharing how children **access books in the library**, talking about the different sections and who will be ready to talk about the **Abbotswood 'We Are Readers' Reading Challenge**.
- Our 'Friends of Abbotswood' who will be ready to give you a **cup of tea or coffee** while you browse the books!
- At the **end of the session**, you will have the opportunity to **read with your child** using what you have learnt.

For everyone who attends, we will put your name in a hat and have a prize draw. There are five £10 Scholastic Book Fair vouchers to be won!

Please complete the 'sign-up sheet' Google form to let us know if you will be attending. Link found here:

[Reading Cafe Sign Up Sheet](#)

We are looking forward to seeing you there and to share our Abbotswood love of reading!

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Jessica Duell
School Librarian

Miss Zoe Robinson
Reading for Pleasure Lead

Mr Ed Humphries
Head of Year 3

