

22nd October 2014

Dear Parents,

I am writing to ask for your help regarding our provision for reading. Although reading has always been a strength at Western, it has been some time since we renewed our resources for guided reading. We are planning to purchase a whole-school guided reading programme which staff working with all age groups can use to develop children's reading skills and their appreciation of books.

I am currently in the process of securing quotes from a number of companies who provide such schemes, and the figures, for a school of this size, range between £3000 and £7000.

This is obviously a significant sum of money and we are looking at a variety of ways of securing this funding.

We are planning to hold a sponsored reading activity in school in the week beginning Monday 10th November. The children will bring sponsor forms home over the half-term break and we would be grateful if you could encourage your child to begin collecting sponsors during the holiday. The aim is for the children to keep a record of the minutes they spend reading during the week of 10th November, both at home and at school.

We are very aware that fundraisers and charity events often appear to come thick and fast and we are very appreciative of your support.

Many thanks,

Tim Broad

Deputy Head Teacher

