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Dear Parents and Carers,

READING AT HOME

We are changing the way we send reading books home at Chilwell Croft Academy. We are aware that our current procedures don't allow for the children to have a book at home at all times or allow them to change their books as regularly as they need to.

Therefore, starting after half term on Monday 25th February, we will be asking the children to bring their book bag in **every morning and take it home at the end of every day**. We will take their homework out on the Monday morning and return it on the day the children are given their homework. We expect to see their levelled reading book, free choice book and yellow reading record **every day**. Please can you continue to read books with your children and record your comments in their yellow reading record.

The children will be able to choose whether they keep the same book or change it (levelled book or free choice) every time they bring their book bag in.

On the back of this letter are some tips on how to support you child with reading.

We are also holding a photograph competition to be judged on the week of World Book Day called **'Who can read in the wackiest place?'**. We have asked the children to have a photograph of them taken reading somewhere 'wacky' (unusual). They are then to bring it into school for us to scan or send it to school via the school's 'competition' email (see below). We have emphasized that the children can only bring a photograph in with their parent's permission and that permission will allow us to publish the winners on the school website.

The email is - competition@chilwellcroftacademy.com

Thank you for your support in this matter.

Yours faithfully

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What to Say When Your Child Gets Stuck

1) Say: "What can you try?" Child should:

- * see if something in the picture can help them, then re-read
- * reread and think about the story (prompt them if they do not)
- * re-read and say the first sound of the tricky word

2) If your child tries all of the above without getting the unknown word, say "Do you know something about that word that can help you?" Your child will often find a part in the word that she knows, and this can help her get meaning back into her reading.

What to Say When Your Child Makes an Error

Say: "Does that look right? "Does that sound right?" or "Does that make sense? Go back and check again."

After reading

- * talk with your child about what was read.
- * ask questions
- * encourage them to retell the story
- * discuss a favorite character or the problem of the story and how it was solved.

Remember - the ultimate goal of reading is understanding!

Please make effort to read everyday with your child – it is proven to help children throughout their education!

Praise your child's reading and enjoy your time together!