



# Birches First School

**Believe, Grow, Succeed ...**

*...to be the best 'me' I can be.*



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Dear Parents,

At Birches, we always strive to create an exciting and passionate reading community.

*'We shouldn't teach great books we should teach a great love of reading'* B.F. Skinner

We understand that reading feeds children's imagination and unlocks the joy and wonder for curious young minds. We want to confidently ensure that each and every child in our school is given the tools to become an enthusiastic and confident reader.

Reading for pleasure is our end goal we want for our children; we want to instil a love of reading in them and an appreciation of books. Reading for pleasure can:

- Improve children's vocabulary, spelling and maths.
- Positively impact children's attainment.
- Increase empathy, improve relationships and improve wellbeing.

Therefore, over the summer holidays we would love to encourage children to take part in "Summer Reading Bingo Challenge". This sponsored challenge will help purchase some books for each class to have in their book corner, something of which all children can use.

Today, your child will come home with a Bingo card, appropriate for your child's age. Each square is worth 50p and a full house would be £6. That's £1 a week over the school holidays to promote a passion for reading and support our classroom book corners.

This could be a fantastic opportunity to explore your local library, read books your child wouldn't normally read and expand their interests.

Please return your child's completed Bingo card and sponsorship money in the first week of term to their new class teacher.

Every completed Bingo card will be placed into a prize draw at the end of the first week back.

We would love to see photos of your child taking part in the Summer Reading Bingo Challenge. Especially to create an exciting whole school reading display. Please send your photos through to [office@birches.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:office@birches.staffs.sch.uk).

Can I just take this opportunity to say a big thank you for your support with reading this year at Birches. We hope you all have a fantastic summer reading some great books together!

Kind regards,

Mrs Kandola  
English Lead