

February 2021

Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s),

I can't quite believe we have come to the end of another half term and that your children are now half way through year 8. It has been another very strange and difficult half term not having them in school. I wanted to take this opportunity to thank you for the support you have given over the last six weeks, I am very aware that it has been a challenging time for everyone. I personally wanted to thank you for the time you have given to help you children with their remote learning as I can imagine that it has been difficult at times. Hopefully, we will all be back in a classroom properly soon.

Please pass on my thanks and congratulations to your children on how hard they have worked over the last six weeks with their remote learning. I am very proud of all they have done and achieved. It was a great privilege this week being able to post out certificates to students nominated by their teachers for their outstanding work. There was over 160 nominations for praise this time round. The certificates should be landing on your door steps as we speak. It showed how committed they are to their learning. Well done and keep it up next half term.

Notices:

- Accelerated reader – please ensure your child is completing the quizzes for their books so they can increase their daily reading minutes. The most recent report is showing some students on a high daily minute count which is incredible. Please encourage your children to complete their reading. Please email Mrs R Bynt for password and login details if needed.
- Reading challenge – Mrs Bynt in the library is currently running a reading challenge for the children to take part in. It has a number of challenges on it related to reading which students can choose to complete if they wish too. If they could email Mrs Bynt at r.bynt@chaseterraceacademy.co.uk or if in key worker school pass her their entries and they will be entered into a draw to WIN one of 3 £10 Amazon vouchers. Every challenge completed equals one entry into the draw, therefore, the more challenges completed the more chances to win! The draw will take place on World Book Day. Please see below the challenges.

Library Reading Challenge 2021

WIN one of three £10 Amazon vouchers!

Each time you complete one of the challenges below, you will be entered into a draw to win one of our 3 Amazon vouchers. The more challenges you complete, the more chances you have to win!

Listen to an audio book
Free audio books available from <https://stories.audible.com/start-listen> then write a short review on what you listened to.

Read aloud with somebody
Write down the title and author of the book that you read and what each of you thought about it.

Read a non-fiction book
Once you have read it, write down 10 new facts that you have learned from the book.

Read in an unusual place
Find somewhere a bit different to read! Take a photo of you reading in your new reading place.

Design a new book cover
Choose one of your favourite books and design a new book cover for it. Email a jpeg, PDF or photo of your completed design.

Complete one of the 10 minutes challenges from an author.
Visit: <https://authorfy.com/10minutechallenges/> Write down the author and the challenge you completed.

Read a recipe
Then have a go at making the item you have just read about. Take a photo of your finished product.

Read a magazine
Then write your own article for a magazine of your choice. Use a film you have watched, a book you have read or write about a hobby.

When you have completed a challenge, email your review, photo or whatever it is you have been asked to do for that challenge to: r.bynt@chaseterraceacademy.co.uk

If you take part in any of the activities it would be great if you could share a picture(s) with the library, which we could then share with the rest of the school community via social media (school web site, library/school Twitter, school face book, school My Edd app, Show My Homework). Please make sure you have permission to send us a photograph if you are in it.

- Any children who require extra reading resources please see below for guidance.

Here are some great ways that you can still access reading material during your time at home.

<p>Project Gutenberg is a library of over 60,000 free eBooks. https://www.gutenberg.org/</p>	Local Library Services Some local libraries are open for the return of books and the Order and Collect Service at the doorway of the library. For further information visit: https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/Libraries/Coronavirus-update-for-libraries.aspx
<p>Instantly stream an incredible collection of stories. All stories are free to stream on your desktop, laptop, phone or tablet. https://stories.audible.com/start-listen</p>	<p>Manybooks - over 50,000 free eBooks with a free account. https://manybooks.net/</p>
<p>A selection of free books on the Kindle App. https://www.amazon.co.uk/kindle-dbs/fd/kcp</p>	<p>Brought to you by Oak National Academy in partnership with the National Literacy Trust. Each week a popular children's author or illustrator will provide free books, exclusive videos & their top three recommended reads. https://library.thenational.academy/</p>

- Remote Learning – Please encourage your children to ensure they submit their work to their teachers either on show my homework or Microsoft teams. So their teachers can give them the feedback to help them progress and praise them for the hard work they are producing. If there are any problems please let the year 8 team know.
- When contacting the year 8 team please ensure both Miss H bate and Mrs H Powell on are the email to ensure a quick turnaround and response.

Finally all that is left for me to say is please have a lovely half term break, stay safe and take some time to enjoy the well earned rest and thank you for all the positive comments and feedback we have received this half term. We look forward to working with you all after half term.

Yours Sincerely

Mrs H Powell (Head of Year 8)