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To Families of Pupils in Reception to Year 6

Dear Families

As you know reading is of utmost importance to us here at St Bede's. We are firm believers that those who read, succeed. We are therefore trialling "reading for pleasure" opportunities across the school.

Currently, all children in the school have a school reading book and also access to online books through Bug Club (via [www.activelearnprimary.co.uk](http://www.activelearnprimary.co.uk)). We will now also be providing your child with a free choice reading book. This book will be given to your child to bring home and read at their own leisure. They will be able to select a genre and title of their choice and also have the opportunity to change this book on their current book change day. It is important for us to stress that this book is to be read at the child's leisure and for pleasure. Reading of their free choice book will not be monitored. This opportunity will provide all children with access to a multitude of books from a wide range of genres, enhancing and encouraging their love of reading.

Please continue to listen to your child read (either their reading scheme book or books allocated on Bug Club) at least five times per week and sign their reading record book to confirm this. If you need assistance regarding access to Bug Club, please write to your child's class teacher.

Many thanks for continuing to work in partnership with us to support your child's reading.

Yours sincerely

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