



Dear Parents

Many thanks to so many of you for ensuring your child is **reading every** (or nearly every) **night**. As many of you heard at our recent Reading Open Morning the amount your child reads has a direct impact on later life—what GCSEs they get, how much money they earn in their future job and even impacting on things like mental health and well being. Every week teachers report back to me about how many children in their class are reading regularly so many thanks for your help with this. Many of us are parents too and we know how tough it can be! We are trying our best too with Mr Johnson soon to build an 'outside library', our book boats (see photo) and our new (indoor) library that is often open at lunchtime. We are also trying to recruit more adults who can come in once a week to read with children. If you are interested in helping we would love to hear from you! Please e-mail the office if you're interested (office@standrewsprimary.com)

Yesterday we had a famous climber (Ben Heason—who climbed Angel Falls—see photo below) give an inspirational talk to children about our new value of the month **RESILIENCE**. All children should have brought their 'Values Passport' home with a challenge they are setting themselves at home already written in it. Please help the children complete their challenge to earn their 'Resilience Badge'. We would love to see pictures of videos of children achieving their challenge if possible—please e-mail any pictures or videos to office@standrewsprimary.com

Next Monday we start our annual **Harvest Appeal**. As always, we are asking children to bring in a food donation for the Kettering Food Bank. Please bring in tins, jars, bottles, packets and cans of food that are in date. Many thanks for your help with this and showing our values.

It was great that over 100 of you were able to attend our Reading Open Morning. Our next **Open Morning is a Writing** one on Thursday 24th of October. We hope lots of you can make it!



SCOOTER / BIKE TO SCHOOL

We would love children to bike or scooter to school from now on. Please leave bikes / scooters in the school car park where there is

RESILIENCE is our value of the month.

This month we are asking children to set themselves a challenge at home that they can show resilience to achieve it. It could be a **difficult** puzzle, book, lego model - anything that they find tricky!

The 'philosophical question' we would like you to discuss at home this month is:

'Is it OK to be afraid?'



David Attenborough is our Values hero for resilience and **Lilly Clarke** from David Attenborough class our resilience badge!



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