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PLEASE NOTE WE HAVE A NEW TELEPHONE NUMBER

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Dear Parents and Carers

In nursery we are celebrating Scottish Book Week which runs from Monday the 19th to Sunday the 25th of November.

Children will be asked to bring one of their favourite books in to nursery to read and enjoy with their friends.

Reading is really important for childrens literacy. Not only does reading enhance a child's vocabulary, it helps them to understand how to read and write.



This is a perfect time for us to relaunch our Big Bedtime Read initiative. This has been such a success in the past for getting families reading more which in turn improves outcomes for our children.

Bookbags will be available to take home from Friday the 23rd and **you are invited to come to nursery from 11 am for our morning session, and 2.45 for our afternoon session** to enjoy a story with your child before choosing a book bag to take home.

I have attached a survey for your attention. Could you please return this to nursery by Friday the 23rd of November.

Thank you for your continued support.

Joanne Hunter

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Liz Laird
Acting Headteacher

Midlothian's Big Bedtime Read

Survey of parents

St Andrews Nursery is about to launch 'Midlothian's Big Bedtime Read'.

A key priority for Midlothian schools is to raise the attainment of all our young people to ensure the best possible outcomes for their future. A great deal of work, over several years, has been done to raise attainment in reading. However, analysis of the PIPs (Performance Indicators in Primary Schools) scores of new Primary 1 pupils showed that Midlothian was still below the average of the other authorities using PIPs. This highlighted the need to target our youngest children and realise the potential for children to arrive at Primary better prepared to learn. Studies have highlighted the crucial role of parents and carers in developing children's abilities coincidentally while enjoying books together. These children outperformed their peers in English, Mathematics and Science and furthermore, they suggest that joint reading may also contribute to children's ability to pay attention and concentrate (David et al 2002). Further research shows that increasing the capacity of parents to support their child's development results in marked difference in achievements at school (Whalley, 2001).



This research led Midlothian's Early Years Team to devise a project which encourages parents and carers to read a bedtime story to their children. The aim being to ensure that every one of our 5,000 under 5's across Midlothian are read a bedtime story, 4 or more nights a week. The results from the early adopters have outstripped our expectations so the decision has been taken to spread 'Midlothian's Big Bedtime Read' across all Early Learning and Child Care settings.

To ensure we meet all the needs of our school community, we would appreciate your feedback. Please complete the short survey below and return it to the school by 23/11/2018 This survey is anonymous and there are no right or wrong answers. Thank you!

Midlothian's Big Bedtime Read

Survey of parents

- Do you enjoy reading? (Tick if yes, leave blank if no)
- Do you read to your child/ren at bedtime? (Tick if yes, leave blank if no)
- Would you like to participate in 'Midlothian's Big Bedtime Read' (Tick if yes, leave blank if no)