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Salhouse School Library

Dear Readers,

As another school year gets underway Mrs Tootill is continuing in the role of librarian and applications are coming in to join her team of capable assistants: These helpful bookworms should be bursting with ideas to make our library appealing to all.

However, what any library really needs is people to read the books! We don't want tidy books on shelves (though that can be helpful!), we want books in the hands of eager readers who are enjoying the escape that a good book can offer. Mrs Sims and Mrs Tootill are continuing a scheme to send a picture book home each week with the children in Coots. These can be shared at home, returned to school and swapped for another. Visits to the Public Library Van are also scheduled so library card holders can change their books. The van stops near the school each month and this might be a chance for family members to explore book choices with their children.

Our librarians are always willing to help or advise and will be displaying reviews of books that they recommend. They are happy to receive book reviews from anyone in the school so please feel free to catch them with your thoughts on the books you have enjoyed and think your friends would enjoy too.

Mrs Church has often agreed to purchase books that children can recommend but are not currently available in school. These might be books you have at home or borrow from the public library and wish you could access at school. They may also be books linked to your class topic which would help to broaden your knowledge and understanding of the subject. The budget for buying new books is not large and the library team would welcome suggestions for fundraising or donations so that more of the books you hope to find will be readily available at the end of the corridor!

Sharing books is not always about reading – most children enjoy listening to a story read aloud and this might be with the support of other children, adult volunteers or even recordings. We plan to advertise slots when stories to suit various ages will be shared in the library, the playground or in classrooms. We want the school library to be open to all, especially around school pick up time when it might be convenient to pop in to choose a book to enjoy at home. We operate on an 'honesty' system, trusting that books will be returned and exchanged. Some families have used the library as a pleasant place to wait until older siblings have finished an after school club.

Though our librarians wear badges to help you recognise them, please remember that the school library is your library and you can be a librarian too – replace books in the correct place, respect the quiet atmosphere in the library and above all else read, read, read!

Respect | *Responsibility* | *Courage* | *Trust* | *Perseverance* | *Compassion*

