



Barrowby Church of England Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

At Barrowby CE Primary School, we are passionate about helping every child shine, just as Matthew 5:16 reminds us: *"Let your light shine so that others can see the good that you do and will praise your father in heaven."*

As you know, we have many ways to acknowledge and reward effort, behaviour, and achievement including:

- Feedback - provided by adults to help children progress in their learning.
- House Points – recognising individual contributions.
- Golden Time – celebrating whole-class efforts.
- Certificates – awarded for a range of achievements including:
 1. **Headteacher Commendations** – for exceptional effort and work in the classroom.
 2. **Lunchtime Commendations** – for demonstrating positive attitude and behaviour during lunchtime.
 3. **Shining Stars Commendation** – recognising individuals who demonstrate our school values of Creativity, Respect, and Independence in all that they do.

We are excited to introduce a new award: a **Reading Star Commendation**. This will be given to children who show commitment to reading at home.

We expect all children to read at least 5 minutes, three times a week at home. We ask that parents annotate and record this in their child's Reading Record. Teachers will review their classes reading records weekly and identify children who demonstrate a commitment to reading at home. These children will become **Reading Stars** and certificates will be awarded in Collective Worship on a Friday.

Reading at home has a huge impact on children's development. It builds vocabulary, strengthens comprehension, improves writing skills, and nurtures imagination. Children who read regularly at home often show greater confidence and success across all areas of learning.

I wonder... who will be our first Reading Star this week?

Thank you for your continued support in helping every child shine.

Yours Sincerely

Mr Batey
Headteacher

Reading Star
Commendation

