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Dear Parents and Guardians

As a school, we truly value the power of reading for pleasure and the importance of reading in shaping young people. Reading allows young people to learn about the history of our country and world, to empathise with characters from different cultures and to engage with topics and themes pertinent to the world now. In addition, research has proven that reading regularly improves a young person's academic potential across the full curriculum.

Consequently, we are always looking at innovative ways to engage our pupils in reading for pleasure and would like to tell you about a brilliant app called BorrowBox that allows pupils to do just that. The app, which can be downloaded onto smart phones and tablets, allows pupils to access hundreds of eBooks and eAudiobooks, free of charge.

BorrowBox requires you to have a membership with the Lancashire library services. Memberships are free and can be easily applied for online following this link:
<https://lccsecure.lancashire.gov.uk/corporate/questionnaires/runQuestionnaire.asp?qid=489910>

Once you have downloaded the app onto a smart phone or tablet, you will need to log in using your library membership number and PIN. These will be sent to you by the library service and can be requested when you first try to log into the app. Books and audiobooks can be borrowed on the app for 14 days, at which point books can be renewed or returned. You may find that, as in the normal library, some books are already on loan. These can be reserved and will become available to you once they have been returned.

For any pupils who are unsure of what to read, recommended reads can be found on Firefly for all year groups. Pupils can look on the school's Library Resource Centre page for a list of recommended books for each year group. In addition, each week a 'Recommended Read' is shared with pupils and our teachers and librarians are only too happy to share good books with our pupils.

For more information about the BorrowBox app, please use the following link:
<https://www.borrowbox.com/>

Yours faithfully,

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