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Dear Parent/Carer

Early Reading and Phonics Workshop

Our annual workshop on Early Reading and Phonics for Reception parents will look a little different this year. Due to Covid-19 restrictions, we are unable to offer a face to face workshop as we would normally like to. However, we are going to do our best at delivering a virtual workshop!

The workshop will take place on **Wednesday 21st October at 10am.**

A recorded version of the workshop will be available on the school website afterwards for parents who are unable to attend the live workshop. If you would like to attend the live workshop, please email eyfs@gloryfarmschool.co.uk to register your interest by no later than Friday 15th October. We will email you a link to the Google Meet session.

Your child will be bringing home reading books this week. These will be **changed weekly every Friday.** We will explain in more detail about how reading works during the workshop, however I would like to briefly explain book bands in this letter. We have carried out very thorough assessments of every child's ability to hear initial sounds and orally blend sounds in words. We have used the outcomes of these assessments to group children by phonic ability to ensure that they are receiving a personalised and appropriate level of phonic teaching, according to the stage they are working at. Those children who can hear initial sounds in words and orally blend will now be bringing home a pink band book and flashcard sounds. Children who are working towards this skill will be bringing home a lilac band book. You will notice these books have no words as the emphasis here is on speaking.

We will go through this in more detail during the workshop. In the meantime, if you have questions regarding your child's reading, please take the opportunity to discuss this with us during parents' evening next week.

Thank you for your continued support.

Best wishes,

Mrs Emma Whitney
EYFS Lead

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