

TNRP 'In the Loop'

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Welcome to our fifth issue of **TNRP 'In the Loop'**.

None of us could have imagined or foreseen what has happened in 2020. The effect of the pandemic on lives and livelihoods has been immeasurable and very importantly the education of children of all age groups has been undermined. This September, with schools opening up and establishing COVID-safe methods of practice, some First Schools have already greeted our volunteers with open arms. Sadly, but unavoidably, a number of our volunteers feel unable to return at this point in time. When this 'devastating episode' is over we will look forward to seeing and welcoming all our volunteers again.

Do you know of someone who has the time to take on the satisfying challenge of helping children read? If so, please forward this newsletter to them and put them in contact with us. We will be concentrating our efforts on training more volunteers and helping the many schools and children who need our skills.

Take care and keep well.



The Norfolk Reading Project

THE EDUCATION OF MANY CHILDREN HAS SUFFERED DURING THIS PANDEMIC

YOU CAN HELP PUT THAT RIGHT

GET INVOLVED.
BECOME A VOLUNTEER

We are a registered charity who train volunteers to provide individual reading support to young children in a school near you.

Join our charity now and make a difference to a child's future.

Help bring our children's education back on track.

Contact us:
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Training sessions in Town Close School Library

In September, 7 new volunteers attended our first training session of 2020. We currently have two further dates and would ask you to pass these dates to friends you think may be interested:

Saturday 10th October
Saturday 21st November

For more information contact Chair, Anne Thorley anne1thorley@aol.com

Message from a teacher to one of our volunteers:

"Our new class has been in school for one week now, and they are an enthusiastic and lively group! We would very much like you to come in again and hear readers in Rabbit Class, if you are able. We value your support so much, and you have made a huge difference to the reading attainment in Rabbit Class over the past two years. We have strategies and procedures in place to make our school and our classroom a safe and secure place, and if you would like to wear PPE, please feel free to do so. Thank you so much, we hope that you are able to rejoin us."

Schools, COVID-safe protocols and 'Idle Books'!

Every school will have their own COVID-safe protocols. Some are currently allowing the return of volunteers, but many schools will be reviewing their policies at half-term.

In the meantime, **'Idle Books'** – If you feel unable to volunteer at present, let us gift your books to one of our schools. Some are crying out for suitable reading material. When you return to volunteer we will give you replacement books.

Please contact Lorraine at lorrainehall99@gmail.com to arrange collection / drop off.

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- The Goodman Trust for a grant to purchase a training projector and screen.
- Antonella Parker-Hall, Community Volunteer Co-Ordinator, Leonard Cheshire UK for donating 30 face shields for our volunteers to use.
- All our volunteers and supporters, including Vanilla.

Thank you again!



If, as a volunteer, we haven't heard from you recently, please do contact us as we would like to know how you are getting on.

Please let us know if your DBS certificate is more than 2 years old.

Contact us if you would like a face shield kindly donated by Antonella to use at school.

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