



In The Loop

The Newsletter of The Norfolk Reading Project
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The Covid pandemic will continue to wreak its damage on our children's lives for many years to come but with children back at school, along with the vaccination rollout, at last the future looks a little brighter. Schools are waiting eagerly to welcome back those volunteers who feel they are able to return to help children catch up on their vital reading skills. **Please get in touch with your school and let them know if and when you are able to return.**

Our chair Anne Thorley recently highlighted the situation: "Many children in disadvantaged communities are unable to access online learning and in many cases the children do not have access to books or even pens and paper at home. Educational poverty will lead to long term effects on our most vulnerable communities and we must do all we can to prevent this from happening."

Online Training Success

Six new volunteers were trained via Zoom last month and they are now excited about going into schools to use their new phonic skills.

New Dates

Our next training session will be on **March 20th online** 10am-3pm. Further dates are scheduled for **April 24th, May 22nd and June 19th**. We are hoping the later dates will be face-to-face at Town Close School library. Thanks go to Town Close for offering us this ideal training space.



Can You Help?

If you would like to train as a volunteer or if you know of anyone who has the time to take on this satisfying challenge please get in touch at: www.thenorfolkreadingproject.co.uk

"Helping to switch the lights on at the beginning of a child's reading journey is both a privilege and a joy," Karen Rushmer, volunteer.

Follow Us on Social Media:

Do check out our social media posts on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter. Big thanks go to Elaine Simpson for keeping our pages up to date with topical articles, diary dates and educational information.

Idle Reading Books:

If you have a set of our *Songbirds* or *Project X* decodable books at home and you think it will be some time before you go back into school, please consider donating them to your local school or contact Lorraine at lorrainehall99@gmail.com to arrange collection or drop off. We want our books to be used and enjoyed!

DBS Certificates:

Remember to let us know if your certificate is more than 2 years old and not registered with the online update service.

Huge Thanks

We are so grateful to The Norwich Freeman's Trust for its generous grant which will help us train more volunteers. Thanks too to Asda and the Co-Op for their community funds donations. Suggestions for fundraising are always needed.



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