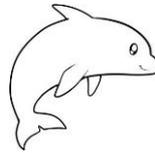


# Homework –

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2019



**Mrs Sedgwick  
and Mrs Bush**



Dear Parent/Carer

I noticed in the news this week that a Nursery School has introduced a vegan-only menu as from January 2020: ***'A nursery has sparked outrage after becoming one of the first in Britain to introduce an exclusively vegan menu for its pupils. Jigsaw Day Nurseries in Chester will no longer serve meat or dairy products to the 260 children in their care as of January 2020.'*** (From the Independent newspaper) which puts the tentative suggestion that we should have a vegetarian day a week into perspective – the parents of the children at the school are said to be furious as there was no consultation (⊗). We intend to trial one day a week vegetarian menu from January (probably a Monday) and then we can see what we all think of the experiment.

I have a parent reading a book with a child as the picture at the top of the homework because again, I need to talk about reading. The Ofsted Inspector was very impressed with our early reading at this school – he understands that the way we teach our children to read is exemplary. A huge amount of time, effort and money goes into the teaching of reading – **but we cannot do a good job unless parents play their part.** A parent should be reading with their children every day (at least five or six days a week). If you read every day with your child, it becomes part of a routine; if you read only occasionally, no routine is established and it becomes easy to forget. At Ivanhoe, when a parent reads with a child and records it in the reading record, the child gets a sticker. When they have ten stickers, they can choose their own reward from the sticker shop (or save their stickers for a greater reward.) It is very sad to see children who hardly ever get a reading reward because their parents don't value the process enough. If a child fails to bring a reading record home, please let the school know immediately because it probably means it is lost – so please don't assume a lack of a reading record means that we don't want your child to read! I understand that some parents may think we expect too much, but the whole point of getting the children (and parents) into good habits, is that the formative years are incredibly important and that once children get behind, they tend to stay behind: in the twenty-first century our children (and I have a four year old as well so I do mean 'our children') need to be equipped to take their place in a highly-qualified work environment and so the early years are crucially important. The teachers and LSAs work very hard to ensure that books are changed as soon as they need changing and that detailed records are kept, so please help to make that work worthwhile by completely supporting the reading at this school. Thank you ☺.

Christmas is rushing towards us at the moment – please be aware of all the events we have planned – and let us know if you need any further information about anything.

**Please use the comment box below to write anything you have to say about the homework or about any other school issues...**

<b>Signed:</b>

**Please make sure that your child's medical details and emergency contact numbers are with the office and up-to-date.**