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Dear Parents/Carers,

In our reading assembly this week, I shared <https://toppsta.com> with the children which I have recently been trialling using. It is free to sign up to but **for children aged under 13, an adult will need to register first** who can then add their children to their 'Group'. Once a child is set up in an adult's 'Group' they can be given their own login so they can submit reviews. There are giveaways to be entered to help readers discover new books and new authors and I have won 2 already - definitely something to get excited about!

Children with logins can create their own avatar, earn badges, explore reviews and recommendations and create a wish-list of books to read. In our drive to promote 'Reading for Pleasure', this comes highly recommended as a way for you and your child to talk about books, as well as finding new ideas and writing reviews for a purpose. This information is taken from the website itself:

We are spoilt for choice when it comes to choosing Children's books. There are so many fantastic new books coming out each year but sometimes, when faced with so much choice, it's difficult to know where to start. Every child is unique in their interests, reading level and access to books, so how do you find out which books will be devoured and which will remain forever unfinished? We're all busy and sometimes there just isn't time to research, read and ask for recommendations as much as we'd like to.

Toppsta aims to solve this problem for children aged from 0 to 14. Whether you're a busy parent, a generous grandparent or a baffled auntie, we want to become THE place where children and parents recommend the very best books to each other. Every book review on Toppsta.com is helping children, parents, grandparents, librarians and booksellers, discover the very best books for children. It doesn't matter if you loved the book or hated it, we just want your honest opinion!

Launched by Georgina Atwell in Autumn 2014, as a Mum to two young children, she realised just how hard it was to find books that were age and reading-level appropriate. Determined to provide other parents and children with an easier way to find great books, Toppsta.com was launched from the kitchen table.

After launching initially on Facebook and getting such a phenomenal response from our fans, we knew we were onto to something special. This website is powered by bookworms! So a big thank you to the children, parents, teachers and grandparents who submit reviews each and every day. This is your community and we love reading your reviews.

We hope that you can take the time to have a look at Toppsta with your child and find it useful and enjoyable. To be clear – this is NOT 'homework', it is just for fun!

Yours sincerely

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