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Dear Parent/Guardian

Our school believes reading good books is important and we want to let you know about an exciting development. As well as the many excellent 'real' or 'physical' books available to enjoy from school, your child will now be offered free access to a library of **eBooks** as well.

The eBook library offers children a different reading experience and will help to inspire reading for pleasure, by providing a broad range of fiction and some leisure non-fiction for each pupil to choose and read independently.

- Your child can have their own username and password to access an online library of books which is made available to us by the School Library Service (SLS)
- The books have been chosen by SLS to be suitable for our age groups in **years 5 and 6** – though it should be noted that publishers do not make all books available
- You can preview, browse and read the eBooks at <http://portsmouth.wheelers.co>
- Each user can select one book at a time and has three weeks to read it, before it disappears from their account
- Borrowers can return the book early to select another book, if they want

The eBook library operates within a web browser, so they will be able to read them at school, or at home on any device which gives access to the internet, such as a laptop, tablet or smart phone. It will be possible to adjust the font size, background colour etc. Unfortunately the Amazon Kindle won't be able to access our eBook library as Amazon uses its own, non-standard file type. However, the Kindle Fire will work as it gives internet access via the Silk web browser.

Please encourage your child to participate fully in this new opportunity, and thank you for your continued support. If you would like your child's username and password please complete the slip below and return it to me. Do let me know if there are any problems or queries.

Many thanks

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School library (Mrs Gibbons)

Child's name: _____ Class: _____

I would like to receive the username and password for my child to be able to access **eBooks**.

Parent/Guardian's name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____