

## Newsletter December 2023

As usual lots of things have been happening at Settle Community Library which wouldn't happen without our huge band of volunteers. All the roles at the library are voluntary, unpaid. We do, however, have input from the North Yorkshire Library Service, who give support and guidance with the running of the Library. The library is only successful because of the people who give their time for free. Each and every volunteer plays their part in ensuring the continued success, and future, of the Library we have today. So a big thank you to each and every one of you. We would also like to thank all the people who use our Library as you also play an important role in the success of our Community Library.

### Support Settle Community Library



### We are holding a Coffee Morning

On Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> December

At 10.00am to 11.30am

In Hellifield Village Hall

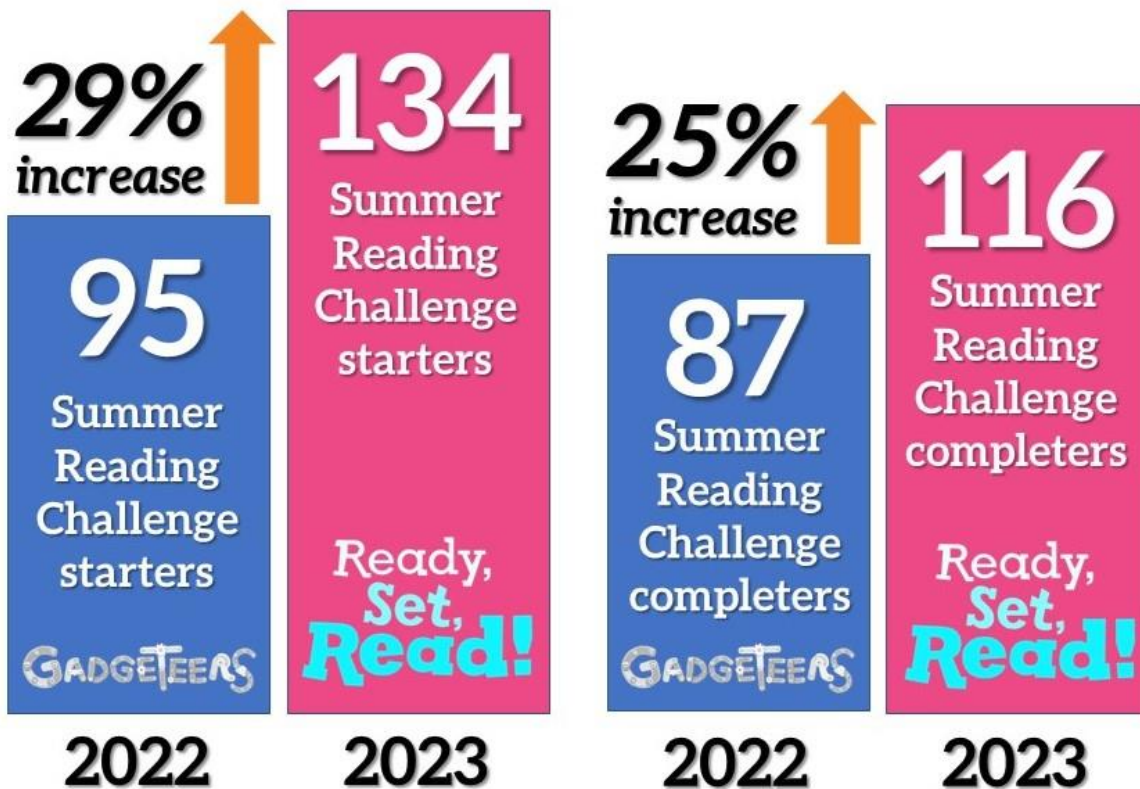
Please come and join us.

### The Summer Reading Challenge 2023

The Summer Reading Challenge was extremely successful this year, with an increase of 29% for Starters and 25% for Finishers, on last year. It shows how hard the volunteers have worked over the Summer to produce these amazing figures.

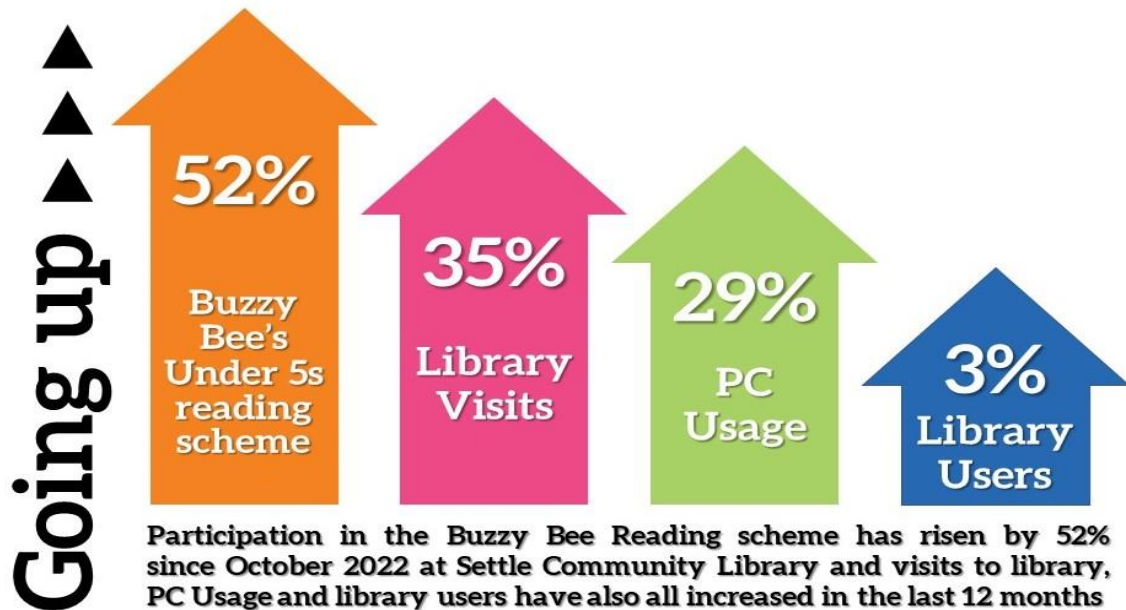
Not just an increase on last year but also an increase on Pre-Covid 2019, which shows what a brilliant year this has been. Children were very proud when they received their certificates in school for the successful completion of the Challenge.

#### Children participating in the Summer Reading Challenge at Settle Community Library in 2022 and 2023 comparison



## Quick updates:-

- 4 new volunteers are starting their training in December. We look forward to welcoming onto the team.
- The library is now a **designated 'Warm Space'!** Do let people know they can come in to read, work, do a jigsaw, maybe even have a cuppa!
- **Stay and Play** has a regular group of about 8 adults and 9 children who come on a Friday morning during term time for play, a story, some snacks and songs. Emma, whose daughter has gone to school, now helps Christine.
- **Knit and Natter** is still proving popular 1st and 3rd Thursday mornings.
- The Library **book group** meets once a month on a Wednesday morning.
- **The Asthma and Lung UK support group** meets once a month on the 2nd Wednesday afternoon.
- Carole Binns' talk about Bradford at the end of October was very well received. We hope to have **more talks in the New Year.**
- **School visits** from classes at Settle Primary have been great fun. It's good to see the library buzzing with eager young readers.
- The library also buzzes when the **Lego club** meets on Friday afternoons after school. The models are nearing completion!
- **2 young volunteers** have been with us from Giggleswick school during the autumn term. They've been helping with general library duties, craft work and setting up the Christmas tree.
- **HSBC bank** information sessions in the library have proved very popular. We don't know at the moment if these are continuing next year.



# Merry Christmas and Happy New Year