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Dear Parents/Carers,

## **Sir Linkalot – an award winning spelling app**

As you may have already been advised by the children, this year we invested in an amazing app called 'Sir Linkalot' that is transforming how to commit to memory the spelling of tricky words, all the way from 'was, two and they' up to 'manoeuvre, fulfil and onomatopoeia'.

Despite only having used it for a few weeks, it is already achieving incredible results, particularly with those who find spelling an issue. It also runs alongside our phonics programmes, so it fully complements what we already do.

If you would like to see what this app is all about, please click on the links below to watch two short films;

[The Future of Spelling](#)

[A primary English lead talks about a compelling case study](#)

We use the app every day in our classrooms, working our way through various bundles and we would now like to extend this so that the children can practise in exactly the same way at home. Access is very simple and no parent supervision is required as the children simply watch and practice what they have been doing in school.

Every child in school can use the same login details;

**The username is - FPS**

**The access code is - AAKTV3YX46**

### **To access it on a tablet or mobile:**

1. Download 'Sir Linkalot Spelling' from the App Store, Play Store or Amazon
2. Tap on 'log in' (top right)
3. Click on 'Have an access code?'
4. Enter the username and access code above

### **To access it on a laptop, Mac, Chromebook or PC :**

1. Type in the browser itself where you normally type www (not a search engine)...app.sirlinkalot.org (with no Ws before it)
2. Click on the log icon (for log in) at the top right
3. Enter the username and access code above.

If you would like to know more about how you can support your child with spelling via this app, please watch this video by clicking the link below;

[Sir Linkalot demo for home use](#)

Its 45 minutes long but you will get to see the man himself, who by his own words 'is as mad as a box of frogs' along with some extremely engaging children, especially Maisie, who steals the show @6 minutes and 40 seconds in. If you click on 'SHOW MORE' under the clip, you'll see there are five sections to enable you to watch it in bite size chunks, rather than all in one go.

We would be very grateful if you could support your child to set up the app, and then sit back and let them practice.

There are also lots of videos on the Sir Linkalot YouTube channel, that your children can watch including almost 100 lessons where he talks the children through his eight techniques for spelling.

For an extra challenge, if the children are feeling creative and want to design their own ways of spelling particular words, they can give their ideas to their teachers and they will be sent to Sir Linkalot to judge. They could even get a mention in a future lesson or win a badge and pencil. If Sir Linkalot is really impressed with an idea, it could end up on the app itself along with their name under the animation! All the child needs to play is an imagination: no rules, no system. Nothing!

We feel that this app can play a big part in helping children commit these tricky words to their long-term memory and we hope it continues to show great results.

If you have any questions then please feel free to email Sir Linkalot directly on the email address; [sirlinkalot@sirlinkalot.org](mailto:sirlinkalot@sirlinkalot.org)

If you have any questions for the school, please do not hesitate to contact us at [office@friars.southend.sch.uk](mailto:office@friars.southend.sch.uk)

Many thanks for your continued support.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Roche', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mr. S. Roche  
Vice Principal