

# Newsletter

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## A free book for every Reception pupil



This autumn, every Reception aged child will receive a free copy of **The Cave** by Rob Hodgson as part of the Time to Read (TTR) initiative from Booktrust.

This laugh-out-loud story, bursting with colourful artwork, tells the story of a creature that never leaves his cave because of the scary wolf ..... unless there are doughnuts on offer! Featuring a wiggly worm on nearly every page, **The Cave** is perfect for fans of Jon Klassen and Chris Haughton.

TTR aims to encourage children and parents to share stories together at home. Shared reading plays an important part in both a child's personal development and their wellbeing. Plus, research shows that a child who reads for fun will do better in all subjects, even maths.

Co-ordinated by School Library Service, the TTR packs will be delivered to every school in Knowsley during the autumn term. Look out for yours ....

## Ofsted New Inspection Framework September 2019

With the new Ofsted framework now in place there has never been a better time to take advantage of our service to schools.

We provide a wide range of resources and materials to help you deliver a knowledge rich curriculum and support the quality of education in your school. All our resources are selected by our professional staff and delivered direct to your classroom, avoiding any unnecessary workload for teaching staff.

We can help your children to enjoy books and read more widely with our extensive fiction collections. Our stories can help to promote diversity and foster empathy, which in turn can help to shape behaviour and attitudes and support a child's personal development.

If your school has a Service Level Agreement with us, then now is a good time to make sure you are making full use of our service. If you do not have a subscription with us, then do please get in touch to find out how we can support you to deliver the new framework in your school.

## Inspirational Author Visits

We were delighted to have the lovely **Sophie Anderson** visit us here in Knowsley in September. The author of the highly acclaimed **The House with Chicken Legs** visited Malvern Primary in Huyton, St. John Fisher Primary in Knowsley Village and Park Brow Primary in Kirkby. Sophie introduced the children to her new book **The Girl Who Speaks Bear** and narrated one of the folktales around which her book is based. This was followed by a lively Q and A session and a book signing. Sophie engaged with around 450 pupils during her visit and over 100 books were sold on the day.

Author visits are a great way to enthuse children about books and to encourage them to read for pleasure. They help to widen children's reading choices and to facilitate book ownership. Meeting a "real life" author can be both inspirational and motivational for the children, which is often reflected in their own writing.

**“ Sophie is my favourite author and I will never forget this moment. ”**  
Pupil from Malvern Primary

**“ Amazing... love to read one of her books thank you. ”**  
Pupil from St. John Fisher Primary

**“ I liked the way she made us use our imagination for our own book. ”**  
Pupil from Park Brow



Next term **Maz Evans**, author of the popular **Who Let the Gods Out?** series, will be paying a return visit to Knowsley on **4th March 2020** – the day before World Book Day! Watch out for more author events over the coming year.

Get your whole class reading!



We have added some great new contemporary titles to our collection of class reading sets. We have chosen some of the latest releases in children's fiction including the amazing sky ship adventure **Brightstorm** by Vashti Hardy; the moving and uplifting **Boy at the Back of the Class** by Onjali Q Rauf and the lyrical **Song From Somewhere Else** by A.F. Harrold. Plus, we have added some extra sets of our most popular class readers so you have even more great titles to choose from.

You can borrow a class reader set each term as part of your Service Level Agreement with us. If your school does not have an SLA you can borrow class reader sets on an ad hoc basis at a cost of £45.00 per set, per term.



## School Library National Award scheme

Congratulations go out to **Malvern Primary School** who received the SLS-UK School Library Award just before the summer break. Acting Head Mr Paul Kynaston established the school library in 2017 and it is now an integral part of school life. The library is a welcoming space with a broad range of stock including fiction, non-fiction, graphic novels, dyslexia friendly novels and newspapers.

Each class has a timetabled weekly visit to the library, plus time to visit for free reading. Mr Kynaston has a team of enthusiastic pupil librarians who help to look after the library on a day-to-day basis. Plus this year, the school library opened during the summer holidays which proved very popular with both children and parents.

If your school would like to work towards achieving the SLS-UK School Library Award, then please contact us for an application pack. An administration fee of £40 - £60 applies.

Read for Good  
Motivating kids to read



## Look out for Liverpool Readathon 2020 2nd – 13th March 2020

Once again, we are working alongside Liverpool Learning Partnership to get lots of Knowsley schools signed up for the Liverpool City Readathon. Now in its third year, the Liverpool Readathon has raised more than £33,000 so that children in hospital (including Alder Hey) can have access to books and storyteller visits.

Run by the charity Read For Good, the Readathon is a great way to build a real buzz about books and reading throughout your school. Plus, you are raising money for a great cause at the same time! You will receive a box of free resources with everything you need to run a successful Readathon in your school.

To order your kit or to find out more about the Liverpool Readathon visit <https://readforgood.org/>

“Reading is like flying – it can carry you to different worlds. So hurray for Read for Good, which helps launch so many children on that exciting journey.”  
Julia Donaldson

PRESENTING  
2020'S  
£1 BOOKS

Take a sneaky peak ...



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