

# St Leos and Southmead Reading Newsletter

DECEMBER 2022



**DATES TO REMEMBER**

**BOOK SALE**

Following the success of the bookshop ran on Parents Evening by the Year Six Reading Heroes the bookshop will continue at lunchtime each Friday and Monday this is an exciting opportunity

for parents to buy low priced beautiful books for their child to enjoy

Welcome to the fourth reading newsletter of the year!

December has been a very busy month in school. This

month's newsletter will update you about all of the exciting reading activities and share some new book recommendations.

The Importance of Reading at Home

All of our children in Reception and KS1 take home books each week matched to their phonics learning in school. These books should offer you and your child an opportunity to explore exciting stories or things of interest but most of all will continue to support the development of your child's vocabulary and sense of story structures. This engagement with stories from an early age will pave the way for children to become self-motivated and habitual readers as they progress through the school. Reading together at home is one of the easiest but most important ways in which you can help your child. Your child's reading diary plays an integral part of their home learning and forms a record of their reading habits and progress. We ask that by Key Stage 2, every child tries to read for 20 minutes per night. themselves.



## How reading supports your child's development

### Why Can't I Skip My 20 Minutes of Reading Tonight?

Student "A"  
reads 20 minutes  
each day

3600 minutes in  
a school year

1,800,000 words



Student "B"  
reads 5 minutes  
each day

900 minutes in  
a school year

282,000 words



Student "C"  
reads 1 minute  
each day

180 minutes in  
a school year

8,000 words





# Birthday Books

A big thankyou to all the children who have donated a beautiful book to their class library in celebration of their birthdays. If you have a birthday coming up soon and are unsure what book to buy in celebration of your birthday please visit the class web pages on the school website for ideas.







## Parent and Carers Reading Library

In our main entrance we have a beautiful selection of books for the adults within our school family to enjoy. The books are free to loan all we ask is once you read the book you return it for someone else to enjoy. If you have any books in good condition you no longer read that you would like to donate for others to enjoy please feel free to add your books to the shelves.



Find children's books for every age...

Step 1: Choose an age/stage

 0-1 year	 2-3 years	 4-5 years
 6-8 years	 9-11 years	 12+

Step 2: Choose a type of book

[Show me my recommendations](#)

One tool that can be useful to explore something different, is the Book Trust's 'Bookfinder' site:

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/bookfinder/>

We also hope that you can discover different authors on this newsletter and from our local library.





# CHRISTMAS READING CHALLENGE

## THE 12 CHALLENGES OF CHRISTMAS

Read a Christmas themed book



Have a whole family bedtime story



Create a puppet show of a book



Read a story by the Christmas tree



Read a book that is older than you



Build a den and share a story in it



Read a story about an animal



Read a book about kindness



Share a story with someone over Zoom



Draw a picture from your favourite book



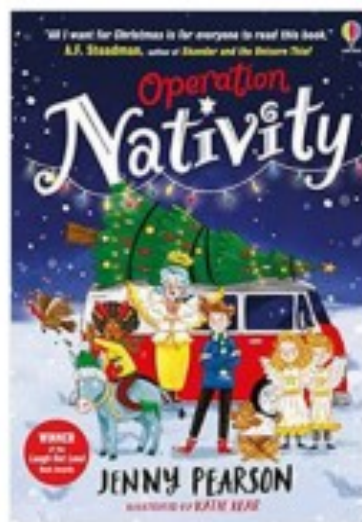
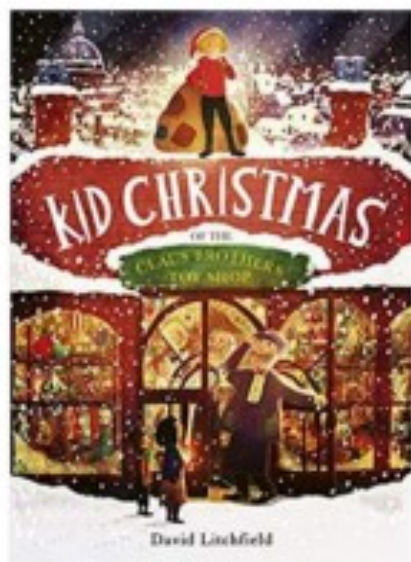
Share a poem with someone



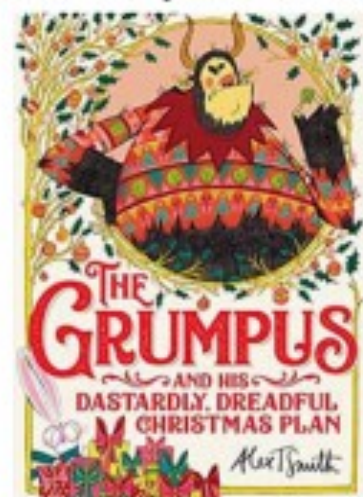
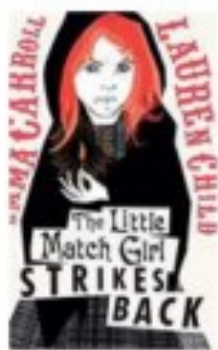
Read a book that makes you laugh



TIS THE SEASON TO GET READING!



Some new titles for Christmas. Will they be on your list?



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