



# FISHBOURNE READS

## THE READING FOR PLEASURE NEWSLETTER

ISSUE 2: DECEMBER 2019

**Welcome to the second edition of Fishbourne Reads! Our Reading for Pleasure newsletter is created by the children for our whole school community to enjoy. This is a very special edition with a festive feel!** In this issue you will find: Comments on our first newsletter; an interview with Mrs Harris; a book 'selection box'; Christmas-themed book recommendations from our Editorial Team; reasons why our amazing LSAs read; our favourite places to read.

### THANK YOU FOR YOUR LOVELY COMMENTS ON OUR FIRST NEWSLETTER!

I interviewed children from across the school to get their views on the first Fishbourne Reads. Everyone I spoke to said they shared it with their sister, brother, Mum, Dad or someone else in the family. Their favourite bits of the newsletter were: the picture of the Editorial Team; the book recommendations; the interview with Sophy Henn. Some children said they liked EVERYTHING about the newsletter!

I liked all the book recommendations. We are now reading 'The Nothing To See Here Hotel' as our class book, which was recommended by Henry. I am really enjoying it as it's really funny. It is good to have recommendations because then you can try them and read them. If you don't like it, you can try something else. If you do like it, you could recommend it to a friend!

By Sophie, Tiger class

### A 'SELECTION BOX' OF FESTIVE BOOKS FOR YOU!

These cracking Christmas reads come highly recommended from Mrs. Webb.



**Year R:** The Christmas Bear by Ian Whybrow and Axel Scheffler

**Year 1:** The Christmas Promise by Alison Mitchell and Catalina Echeverri

**Year 2:** The Crayons' Christmas by Drew Daywalt and Oliver Jeffers

**Year 3:** Meerkat Christmas by Emily Gravett

**Year 4:** A Boy Called Christmas by Matt Haig

**Year 5:** Father Christmas's Fake Beard by Terry Pratchett

**Year 6:** The Night I Met Father Christmas by Ben Miller

### AN INTERVIEW WITH MRS HARRIS

Emilia and Eden, who are both Fishbourne School Bookworms, interviewed Mrs. Harris, the Bookworms leader. They asked her all about reading and her thoughts on it.

**Editorial Team:** Why is reading so important?

**Mrs. Harris:** Because it is the most important thing, for lots of reasons- your imagination grows, you get new ideas, you learn new words and your vocabulary expands. It is a great escapism for a busy life.

**Editorial Team:** Where do you like to read?

**Mrs. Harris:** In bed, in my pyjamas, snuggled up with the lamp on, before I go to sleep. Sometimes when I'm reading a really good book, I wake up before everyone else and I go downstairs and have a strong coffee and read a few cheeky chapters by myself, before anyone else gets up.

**Editorial Team:** Why do you lead our Bookworms group?

**Mrs. Harris:** I think our library is AMAZING!!! I want Bookworms to encourage and inspire the whole school to enjoy reading.

**Editorial Team:** What is it that makes reading special to you?

**Mrs. Harris:** When you get a book that you are fully immersed in, I love it when you can't stop thinking about it. Books brings people together. I love talking to my friends about what we are reading. I also love reading with my children. It is a really special time and is so important. I love introducing new books to my class and getting them excited about books.

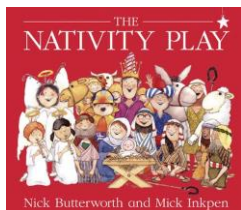
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**Bookworms** is a group of book lovers. We come together as a group to organise and improve our library to make it a better place. We are like junior librarians. Our jobs include designing the library displays and showcasing our focus authors. We tidy the library and rotate the books on the class recommended shelves. It's also a lovely time and place to read and talk about books.

By Emilia and Eden, Meerkat class

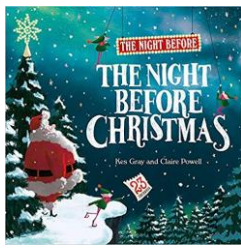
## FESTIVE BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS FROM OUR EDITORIAL TEAM



### The Nativity Play by Nick Butterworth & Mick Inkpen

I like this book because it is like what we are doing in school. I like the bit when the shepherd's beard came off. When the teacher tells the children to slow down it makes me think of getting a bit bored because you have to say it a hundred times!

By Tiffany-May,  
Elephant class



### The Night Before Christmas by Kes Gray

I like the rhyming in this book and I thought it was funny that Santa forgot to shave! My favourite page was when the elves loaded ten billion presents in to the magic sack. The page that made me laugh was when the elves had the yellow suits on so they could see each other. I recommend this book to everyone.

By Daril, Penguin class



### Olive the Other Reindeer by J. Otto Seibold & Vivian Walsh

I love this book because it is a good story. Olive is a dog who goes to fly with the reindeer. My favourite page is the pop-up Santa village. There is a Santacopter landing pad and Mrs Santa has biscuits. This book is funny. Everybody should read it!

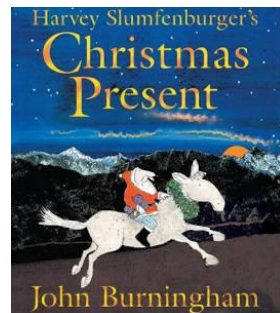
By Austin, Penguin class



### Pick a Pine Tree by Patricia Toht

I really like this book because it's got a really lovely story about what to do when you choose a pine tree. It gives you lovely ideas to have fun with decorating your tree. My favourite part was when it showed the tree all finished and when they turned on the lights and got their friends over. I would recommend this book to Year 2 and under. Although older children might like it as well.

By Elliot, Panther class

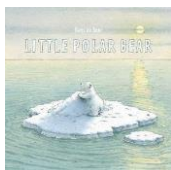


### Harvey Slumfenburger's Christmas Present by John Burningham

This is a story about Father Christmas who forgot to deliver one present on Christmas Eve. It is a funny book because it always repeats itself and the person who is helping him always gets their transport damaged. The bits which I really liked was the bit where it would tell you to go on to the next person to help. I liked the front cover where it showed Father Christmas riding a donkey with a wreath around its neck! I would recommend this book for people aged 4 and over.

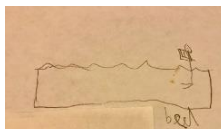
By Max M, Tiger class

### Little Polar Bear by Hans de Beer



I like this book because it's about a little polar bear who is lost out at sea. He meets other animals at an island and lots of the animals try to cheer him up. I think the message in this book is about never giving up hope and remembering to always be kind to each other, and never let anyone down.

This book gets 5 stars out of 5 from me. By Emma, Panther class



I like to read in bed!  
By Thomas,  
Koala class

### WHERE DO YOU LIKE TO READ?

I like to read in the library.  
I like to read anytime!  
By Anna, Koala class



### I READ BECAUSE...

The Editorial Team asked our amazing LSAs to tell us why they read. This is what they said:

I read because...

- It feels like I can escape to another world (Mrs. Ball)
- I really enjoy reading (Mrs. Brown)
- I can relax and escape (Mrs. Gregory)
- It makes me happy (Mrs. Oldfield)
- I can relax and enjoy (Mrs. Harvey)
- I can immerse myself and enjoy (Mrs. Whitaker)
- It makes me feel good (Mrs. Dumitriu)
- You learn so many amazing things (Mrs. Mitten)
- I can relax (Miss Taylor)

Why do you read? Why not ask an adult at home why they read?



We hope you enjoyed this special festive edition of Fishbourne Reads. Please share this with your family and friends. Happy reading! And Merry Christmas!

The Editorial Team: Tiffany-May, Freya, Daril, Austin, Thomas, Anna, Elliot, Emma, Max M, Sophie, Eden and Emilia.

