

# FISHBOURNE READS

OUR READING FOR PLEASURE NEWSLETTER

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## Hello little fish!

Here is our third Fishbourne Reads newsletter. We introduced these special newsletters into our school community last year because we all love to read and we thought it would be a lovely space to share some of the books we have been reading and make recommendations to each other. In this issue, we will be updating you on some of our school news about reading, interviewing one of our staff team and sharing some great books you can get your hands on!



We are SO very lucky to have a Patron of Reading at Fishbourne Primary. Sophy Henn is an author and illustrator who gives us a privileged insight into her role. Last year, she shared with us all the stages of the publication of Pizazz—we watched the characters and

story line developing with each visit and were so utterly thrilled that she included Elephants class and Mrs Harris in the story line. What a wonderful surprise that was! We asked Sophy if she would be happy to continue acting as our Patron of Reading in the new school year and she said YES! Wahoo! We are so pleased. So with no further ado, here's Sophy's first message of the year:

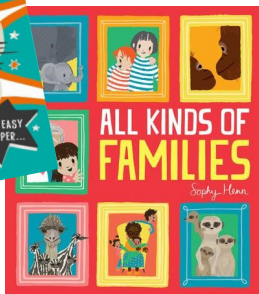
***Hello Everyone at Fishbourne Primary, and WELCOME BACK!!!!***

***Back to school must be very different this year, but I am certain you are all doing marvellously, being your super duper selves, and I am also certain your teachers will have lots of wondrous bookish delights in store for you! I am missing you all enormously and I can't wait to see you all soon. Oh and one last thing.... don't forget to WASH YOUR HANDS!!!!***

Do remember you can send Sophy a letter anytime through our 'express post box' outside the library! She would LOVE to receive some

letters from you all, especially with your thoughts about Pizazz!

**Elephants class, what did it feel like to find yourselves in Sophy's book?!**



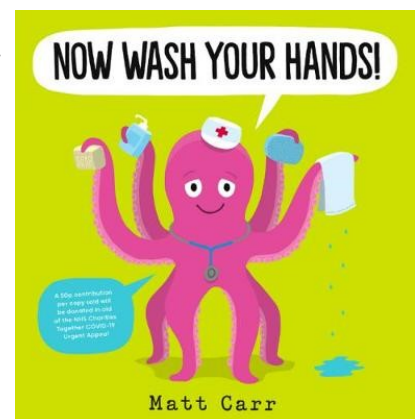
Earlier this year, before we went into lockdown, we won a competition to attend the LOLLIES (Laugh Out Loud) book awards that took place in London. What an exciting day it was! We got the train to London, travelled across the city and arrived at the Ballrooms to enjoy a star-studded ceremony. It was wonderful to be there to support Sophy Henn who had been nominated for an award. Here are some reflections from children who were lucky enough to attend:

*'I really enjoyed the LOLLIES because it was a once in a lifetime opportunity!' Tallulah*  
*'It felt like there was imagination in the air. There was so much talent at the LOLLIES!' Esmée*  
*'LOLLIES were great, not only because it was a once in a life time experience but also because of all the famous authors in one room. I felt really good when I got Bad Nana signed!' Lois*

While we were there, we met lots of our favourite authors and even got a chance to talk to them - Julia Donaldson, Michael Rosen, Liz Pichon, Steven Lenton and Steven Butler... it was a book lovers dream! Everyone was so friendly and we had the chance to ask them all for autographs and have photos with them!

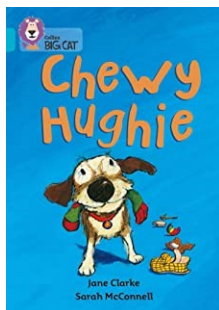
We particularly loved chatting to Matt Carr, author of 'Now Wash Your Hands' who has since written to us several times, sending us beautifully illustrated envelopes stuffed with stickers! Thank you Matt! You can learn more about Matt's books here:

[www.mattcarrdesign.co.uk/books](http://www.mattcarrdesign.co.uk/books)





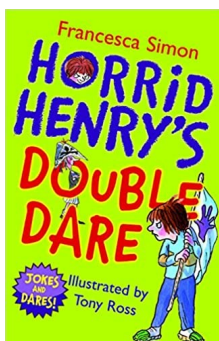
Chewy Hughie  
by Jane  
Clarke  
recommended  
by Michael in  
Koala Class



*Chewy Hughie chews anything and everything he can get his paws on, driving his owners to distraction! But what happens when Chewy Hughie discovers a packet of bubblegum...*

Michael tells us his favourite part of the book is a funny bit when Hughie eats dirty underwear!  
\*\*\*\*\*5 stars!

Horrid  
Henry's  
Double Dare  
by Francesca  
Simon  
recommended  
by Jack in  
Koala Class



*Horrid Henry and his friends put forward their most dastardly dares and side-splitting jokes to prove once and for all that boys rule. But little does Henry know that Moody Margaret has plans of her own, resulting in a hilariously horrid showdown!*

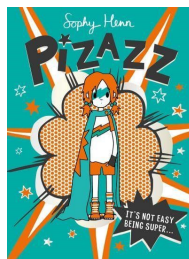
Jack recommends this book because it is really funny when Henry calls Peter a worm.  
\*\*\*\*\*4 stars!

Here are a collection of  
suggestions from our  
Penguins:



## Recommendations from our Little Fish...

Pizazz  
by Sophy Henn  
recommended  
by  
Imogen in  
Panther Class



*HELLO! My name is Pizazz and I'm a superhero...*

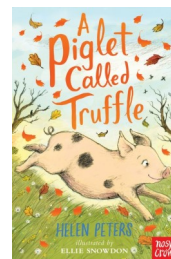
*You probably think that's really AWESOME and while it can be, it's also REEEEEEEAAALLLY annoying. Don't believe me? Well, I have to wear the same outfit ALL THE TIME! I'm always dashing off to save the world right in the middle of fun stuff. Plus I have to be the good guy even when I might not want to be. And sometimes I just want to be, well, normal.*

*You see, it's not easy being SUPER ...*

Fun! Positive! Loved by children of all ages. \*\*\*\*\*5 stars!

**-NEWSFLASH - NEWSFLASH-**  
Did you know that our very own Mrs Harris and Elephants class feature in Pizazz?

A Piglet Called  
Truffle  
by Helen Peters  
recommended by  
Isla in  
Panther Class



*Jasmine's dad is a farmer, and her mum is a large-animal vet, so Jasmine spends a lot of time caring for animals and keeping them out of trouble. Unfortunately, this often means she gets into hot water herself...*

Creative! Incredible! Fun and funny! \*\*\*\*\*5 stars!

A sneak preview of some of the exciting books that will be available for you to spend your £1 World Book Day vouchers on in March 2021! Which one would you choose?!



## New releases!

### Voyage of the Sparrowhawk by Natasha Farrant



*In the aftermath of World War One, everyone is trying to rebuild their lives. If Ben is to avoid being sent back to the orphanage, he needs to find his brother Sam, wounded in action and is now missing. Lotti's horrible aunt and uncle want to send her away to boarding-school (when she has just so successfully managed to get expelled from her last one!) And Clara, their young teacher, is waiting for news of her missing fiancé.*

*Just as they think they've found their feet in the new order, disaster strikes, and Lotti and Ben must get away. And so they hatch a plan - to cross the Channel on Ben's narrowboat and find Sam. And there's something in France that Lotti is looking for, too...*

*Buffeted by storms, chased by the police, Lotti, Ben, Clara and a growing number of dogs set out on an epic journey, on the search for lost loved ones and a place to call home.*

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO REVIEW THIS BOOK FOR OUR NEXT ISSUE? IF SO, let Mrs Day know!**



Sir Francis Bacon once said:  
**"Some books should be tasted, some devoured, but only a few should be chewed and digested thoroughly."**

What do you think he meant? Do you agree?

Post your thoughts in our Sophy Henn post box and we will share them in our next issue!