

# Literacy News

Southborough Primary School

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Hello to you all, I hope you are all keeping safe and well!

## Library donations

Firstly, I would like to thank everyone who has kindly donated books to our school library. We have been inundated with both fiction and non-fiction books, and I cannot express how grateful we all are. If you do have some books which your children no longer need, please feel free to send them into school as we can never have enough books!

## Literacy at Southborough

The website has had a revamp, and I am very excited to introduce new areas to the Literacy at Southborough tab.

Here you will find links to all of the exciting Literacy in our school, including stories, poems, competitions and games.



I am most excited to introduce to you Miss Brooks' book club. Each month I will be reading and reviewing a book, and the children will have the chance to listen to extracts and my recommendations. Following on from this, I would love to hear the children's opinions of books. Equally, I would also love to hear which books you would like me to read and review. I start with a favourite of mine, 'The Boy at the Back of the Class' by Onjali Q. Raúf, which I found so gripping that I read it all within a day! On the website you will also find information about phonics, links to watch stories and poems read by famous faces, and literacy games and websites.

You will also be able to find out about upcoming writing competitions, which leads me nicely into my next point.

## Christmas writing competition

Last year our Christmas writing competition was immensely successful, and so we are going to take part in another competition this year. This competition will be completed in school but winners will be announced via a virtual assembly which can be uploaded on to the website. Keep an eye out for our next competition theme announcement on the website and be prepared to be "shaken".

## Christmas Reading Advent Calendar

This year we have been thinking of alternative ways to celebrate Christmas as a whole school community. We have decided to run a Christmas Reading Advent Calendar. Each day the children can 'open a new door' and watch a video performed by members of staff reading a Christmas story or poem. I will be uploading some of these videos onto our website so you can share them with your family too.

## Useful websites:

BugClub – available on Active Learn

<https://www.activelearnprimary.co.uk/login?c=0>

Story line online -

<https://www.storylineonline.net/>

The Story Place - [www.storyplace.org](http://www.storyplace.org)

Book Trust – free stories to listen to or read along [www.booktrust.org.uk](http://www.booktrust.org.uk)

Thank you for your continued support. Look after yourselves and keep safe,

*Miss Brooks*

Literacy Leader