

April 2021 Newsletter



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Dear Parents, Carers and Members of the Community,

As we come to the end of term I am writing to let you know how proud we are of the children. They settled back into school really well and have shown such positivity and enthusiasm for school and life since their return. Thank you also for your support in getting them through this most difficult of time. I will be in touch before we return with any changes to things happening in school.

I would also like you to join me in wishing Elaine Trewick a long and happy retirement. The Merton has been apart of Elaine's life for a great many years as a parent and subsequently as a Nursery Nurse with our very youngest children. Elaine will have supported and cared for many of your children as they began their school lives and I know she has many fond memories to take with her.

Mrs Lapworth begins her maternity leave this week but before we say goodbye and good luck for a short while she has written a special edition to this newsletter by recommending some great books. Please share the following pages with your children as there are many fantastic book recommendations just ready for your children to enjoy over the Easter break.

And finally, well done to everyone who came dressed in red on Friday and came forward to perform their joke to their class and to the panel. We had great fun and raised lots of money for Comic Relief. Our judges voted this joke as the overall winner. Well done to Freya in year 1.

I wish you and your families a happy Easter break.

Mr Lee

Why did the Chicken cross the road?

**Because the chicken behind him
couldn't socially distance!**



**RED
NOSE
DAY**

Need a new book?

Looking for inspiration?

Look no further for some brand new releases!



The Storm Keepers' Battle-Catherine Doyle

Fionn Boyle, Storm Keeper of Arranmore, is facing the fight of his life. The terrifying all- powerful sorceress Morrigan has been raised from the dead and has sealed off the island from all help. Fionn is the only thing that stands between her and a dark future.

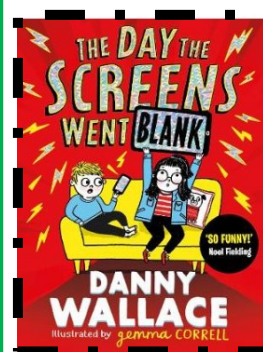
Published: **4th March 2021** Recommended Reading Age: *Key Stage 2*

The Day The Screens Went Blank-Danny Wallace

Imagine if all the technology in the world just . . . STOPPED.

When ten-year-old **Stella** wakes up to discover a world full of BLANK screens, her family, town, and in fact the whole world seems to have been thrown into chaos.

Published: **18th March 2021** Recommended Reading Age: for 9+



Mothering Heights (Dog Man 10)- Dav Pilkey

Dog Man and Petey face their biggest challenges yet in the tenth Dog Man book **The world is spinning out of control** as new villains spill into town. Everything seems dark and full of despair. But hope is not lost. Can the incredible **power of love** save the day?

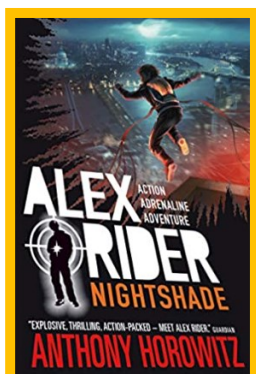
Published: **23rd March 2021** Recommended Reading Age:

Alex Rider-Nightshade- *Anthony Horowitz*

In this adrenaline-fuelled adventure in the number one bestselling series, Alex Rider is sent by MI6 Special Operations to infiltrate a new and sinister organization known only as Nightshade. Alex is on his own, with the fate of thousands of people resting in his hands.

Published: **1st April 2021**

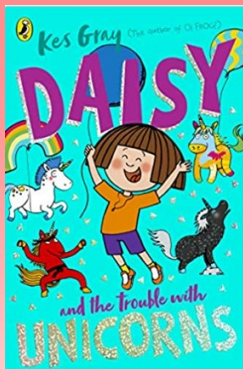
Recommended for 10+



What the ladybird heard at the seaside—*Julia Donaldson & Lydia Monks*

The clever little ladybird is off on a trip to the seaside, but those two bad men, Hefty Hugh and Lanky Len, are up to their wicked ways again. This time they're planning to steal the mermaid's hair and sell it to a famous star. Luckily, the crime-busting ladybird has a clever plan to stop the thieves ...

Published: **18th March 2021** Recommended for ages 3-7



Daisy and the Trouble With Unicorns- Kes Gray

Here comes trouble! It's Gabby's birthday and Daisy is the GUEST OF HONOUR at her party!!! What's even more exciting is that Gabby has been given TWO TOY UNICORNS for her birthday. They're so sparkly and soft and fluffy and cuddly!!!

Trouble is, these unicorns are also MAGIC - and very chatty. And they're giving Daisy all sorts of troublesome ideas...

Published: **18th March 2021** Recommended Reading Age: 5+

The Runaway Girls- Jacqueline Wilson

Victorian London, 1851. Queen Victoria is on the throne and the Great Exhibition is about to open!

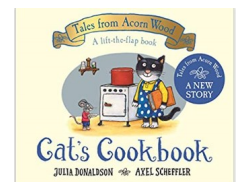
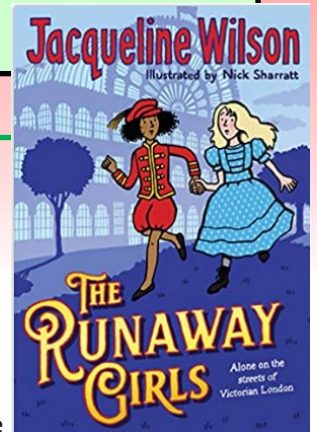
Lucy Locket lives with her father, the New Mother and the New Baby. They sent away her beloved Nurse and replaced her with a horrid governess. Lucy desperately wants someone to be kind to her, and to have some fun - there's very little of that in her house.

Kitty Fisher is a street performer who earns tin for her supper by tumbling. She has always lived on the street and on her wits, with only the kind Gaffer to help her. But now Gaffer is gone, and Kitty is all alone.

When Lucy runs away from home, Kitty shows Lucy how to survive - where to find the best picnic leftovers in the park, and which trees makes the best beds. Lucy learns quickly and shows Kitty her own skills - befriending families to get free meals and singing beautiful melodies for the crowds.

But the streets of Victorian London are dangerous and soon the girls find themselves under threat from thieves - and even worse, the Workhouse!

Published: **18th March 2021** Recommended Reading Age: 8+



Cat's Cookbook-Julia Donaldson

Cat wants to learn to cook. Will she find a book to help her in Acorn Library? Lift the flaps to find out, and then join Cat and all her friends for a special surprise!

Published: **29th April 2021** Recommended Reading Age: 2-5



Dragon Legend- Katie and Kevin Tsang

Billy Chan and his friends are not having a very relaxing summer. Their friend, Dylan, has been kidnapped by the evil **Dragon of Death** and it's up to them to travel through time, back to the dangerous **Dragon Realm**, in order to save him.

Published: **29th April 2021** Recommended Reading Age: 9+

'You can find magic wherever you look. Just sit back and relax all you need is a book' Dr. Seuss

