

Dear Parents/Carers,

A very warm welcome to a festive St Mary's Reading Newsletter. We hope you will enjoy reading about what we are doing to promote reading for pleasure at school and at home. Our aim is to publish a Reading Newsletter once every term and inside you will find updates on everything that is happening regarding reading at school. We will also be providing recommendations on brilliant new books for children across the school and sharing information about different authors and illustrators, who are producing great new stories. We hope you find this new initiative useful and informative.

If you need any help with sourcing new books to enjoy or with reading at home or in school, please do get in touch.

Thank you for your continued support,

Mrs Cartledge





I am delighted to introduce our new St Mary's Reading Ambassadors and school Librarians. They have some very important jobs in school including tidying the Den, organising book areas around the school, writing book reviews, making recommendations and hearing younger children read. They are also responsible for keeping the Reading Shed tidy.







Mrs Cartledge's Book Recommendations:

With Christmas just around the corner, here are some suggestions for some perfect Christmas presents!

# Recommended books for children aged 5.



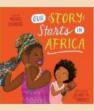






















Super Funny Stocking Fillers! GREG SAUSAGE Mrs Claus

With Christmas just around the corner, here are some suggestions for some perfect Christmas presents for children in year 3 and 4!



For more festive reads, please follow this link -

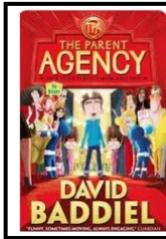
https://www.thereaderteacher.com/



With Christmas just around the corner, here are some suggestions for some perfect Christmas presents for older children in year 5 and 6!







Uma T in Oak Class recommends The Parent Agency by David

Baddiel. Please read her review.

This story shows that even if you hate your parents, they still love you. Barry Bennett hates being called Barry by his parents and when he goes to a world where he can choose his own parents, he grabs his chance. But that isn't as simple as he thought.....

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#### **OTHER NEWS!**

The outdoor Reading Shed opened in September and is used by children at morning break . Inside there are comfy beanbags, blankets and shelves packed with beautiful books, graphic novels and magazines. Currently it is being used by some older children but I hope as the year progresses and the weather improves, that it will also be used by younger children for outdoor story times. Thank you to the reading Ambassadors who help keep it clean and tidy.





#### **READING TROLLEYS**

We would like every member of our school community to enjoy reading and have the opportunity to read a variety of books so please look out for the new book trolley which will be situated in the school entrance hall. This lending library is available to anyone who would like to borrow a book. All we ask is that once you have finished it, the book is returned to the trolley for others to enjoy.

There will also be a trolley on the KSI playground at the end of the day packed with books for our younger readers. If you would like to choose a book to take home and read at bedtime, please do but return it the next day.

#### Than k you for your support, Mrs Cartledge

Breakfast with a Book will return next term. This is where we invite parents into school to read with their children whilst enjoying a cup of coffee and a croissant. Previous sessions have proved very popular for both parents and children. The next session, for children in EYFS, is on WEDNESDAY 11th JANUARY at 9am in the hall. We look forward to seeing you there.

