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Time to Read Packs from Cambridgeshire County Council

This term '[Time to Read packs](#)', including a free copy of The Runaway Pea, are being delivered to schools to gift to Reception. Once received, teachers in both Ruby and Sapphire classes will be promoting reading activities and firing children up in preparation for sharing these books at home with their families. Cambridgeshire Libraries have also recorded a special reading of the story for schools to share with children. Families can join Booktrust online from Monday 19 to Sunday 25 October for a [week of readings, top tips and book recommendations](#).

Cambridgeshire Libraries will also be featuring video called 'Time to Read storytime session' on their social media page on Saturday 24th October at 10.30am.

Dogs

Recently we have noticed an increase in the number of dogs that are present at the beginning and end of the school day, outside of the school gates, being walked by owners who are also parents at the school. We would urge you to be mindful that some dogs may be unpredictable when there are large numbers of people or children around. We would also like to remind parents that it is never a good idea for children to stroke an unknown dog, without the permission of the owner. Please ensure that if you walk your dog, that it is well under close control.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOX APPEAL

As many of you will be aware it is an annual tradition for Sutton School to take part in this appeal which sends shoeboxes full of gifts to children in over 100 countries. Last year we sent 93 complete shoeboxes which ended up in countries such as Belarus, Moldova and Albania. Unfortunately due to Covid-19 restrictions this year it will not be possible to pack and collect boxes in school. If your family would still like to get involved in this project there is now an online shoebox portal through which you can select and pay for items for a shoebox remotely. You can also add a message and photograph should you wish. The process is very quick and easy and only takes about 5 minutes. Please click on the link below to find out more and start packing your shoebox! Please do let your child's classteacher know via DOJO if you have sent a shoebox – we'd love to find out how many boxes we have sent as a school.



<https://shoeboxonline.samaritans-purse.org.uk/>

Online maths games

We know that children find online interaction engaging and fun, but it is often hard to find good quality learning sites. Here we have listed some of those that we would recommend for helping children to brush up their mathematical skills and to practice at home. We will be using some of these in school too:

Hit the button interactive game for times tables (Year2+)- <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>

Bubble Pop (Year 1+) <https://mathsframe.co.uk/en/resources/resource/245/Bubble-Pop-Multiplication>

Maths Fishing Year 1-5 <https://mathsframe.co.uk/en/resources/resource/306/Maths-Fishing-Multiplication>

Arithmetic Practice (Key Stage 2) <https://phet.colorado.edu/en/simulation/arithmetic>

Headteacher roll of honour

Zak in Citrine Class—Zak really applied himself during English this week. He used his knowledge of words to interrogate a written piece of literature. He then transferred this to his own writing. Great work Zak!

Jasmine in Turquoise Class—Thank you to Jasmine who showed confidence in asking some questions during some staff interviews this week. It was great to have her contributions and to hear her talking to visitors so competently.

Forthcoming Dates

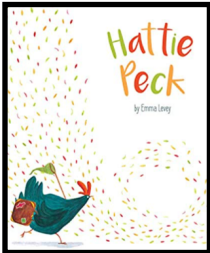
20th Oct—Parent consultation evening (please see previously circulated information)

23rd October—Training day (school closed to children)

w/c 26th Oct—Half term (children return on 2nd Nov)

13th November—Children in Need quiz day (more details to follow but please note that this will NOT be a non-uniform day, since it is PE day for some children)

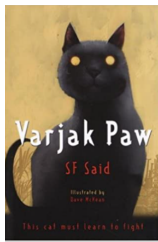
Recommended Reads



Reception and Key Stage 1:

Hattie Peck—A heart-warming story about family, love and triumph in the face of adversity. Little Hattie Peck loved eggs! Big ones, small ones, speckled ones. All she wanted was an egg of her own. One day, Hattie left her cosy coop on an adventure to find all the abandoned eggs of the world. And find them she did! But what will happen when they hatch?

Hattie Peck can be used to help children and adults to talk about the importance of family, including adoption and fostering.



Key Stage 2:

Varjak Paw—Having always lived indoors under the protection of his family, Varjak Paw is suddenly thrust into the harsh world when Gentleman and his two cats take over his home and force him to face the hardships of survival on the streets while also trying to save his family from the power of the Vanishings.

Non-COVID
symptoms:

- A RUNNY NOSE?
- SNUFFLES?
- SORE THROAT
WITH NO FEVER
OR COUGH?



Send them to school
as normal if you feel
they are well
enough.

COVID symptoms:



- A NEW CONTINUOUS COUGH?
- A HIGH TEMPERATURE?
- COMPLETE LOSS OR
CHANGE OF SMELL OR
TASTE?



Protect them and others by keeping
them off school. Dial 119 or go to
www.gov.uk/coronavirus to arrange
a test. Your household and child
should self-isolate until you have the
results.



AT ANY TIME, IF YOUR
CHILD DEVELOPS
UNRELATED
SYMPTOMS THAT
WORRY YOU ENOUGH
TO KEEP THEM OFF
SCHOOL



Contact your GP
or call NHS 111

If your child displays unrelated symptoms, such as a runny nose or sore throat, you should act in the same way as you would have done before the pandemic. This may involve sending your child to school or keeping them at home, depending on the nature and severity of symptoms. Seek medical advice via your GP or 111 as you normally would. If your child has sickness or diarrhoea they should not return to school until 48 hours after the last bout of this.