

Autumn Newsletter 2023: Primary Schools

Primary Network Meeting (virtual): Thursday 5th October 2023, 3.30pm-4.30pm

All schools are very welcome to attend. A great opportunity for any school staff with responsibility for reading/the library. We **share** lots of useful resources/information regarding reading for pleasure, author events and training. We will have a particular focus on **mental health** and will be sharing some of our favourite fiction and factual books that highlight mental health and support wellbeing. **Click here for more information or to sign-up.**

'Help! I'm Running a Library' Training course: Tuesday 26th September, 9.30am-12.30pm

This is a great opportunity to gain knowledge, skills and confidence in the day-to-day running of the library. Feedback from previous participants:

'Was just so nice to listen to people so knowledgeable with real solutions as I just don't have time to do all that research on top of my job.'

Price: WSLS Subscribers: £55 Non WSLS Subscribers: £85

Venue: WSLS Unit 4, WCC Hawkes Point,1 Hawkes Drive, Heathcote Ind. Estate, CV34 6LX

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Do you need new books/resources or help with your school library? We can help...

We can provide a range of subscription options to meet your curriculum and reading for pleasure needs. We also offer library support and can complete a range of tasks at your school, such as, weeding, auditing, organising.

Email: schoolslibraryservice@warwickshire.gov.uk

Useful links/resources

- Have you got a literacy calendar for the year? There are lots out there to help you—here are a few links; <u>Literacy Hive</u> <u>National Literacy Trust</u>
- Want to inspire your pupils with author visits but no budget?- Free virtual author events aimed at Primary pupils from the Reading Zone
- **Need help unpacking the D of E framework?** Read this blog and download this guide from experts in the school library field. A must read for school librarians and teachers too. <u>Unpacking the DfE Reading Framework for School Librarians</u> There is also a useful guide from <u>Books for Topics</u> too.
- **Limited time to prepare resources?** Check out this <u>R for P padlet from Jon Biddle</u>, so many great ideas, including Diverse Picture Book Assemblies, staff meetings sections, free to download reading surveys, classroom reading ideas etc.

New books to look out for... (need more recommendations? Get in touch and we can help)

Ages 4-7: A colourful and powerful book about how we are all different and we should be proud and celebrate these differences.



Ages 6-8 years: Keisha wants to stand up for what's right! Funny and full of fabulous illustrations.



Ages 8+: Stuntboy is back with adventures involving escaped iguanas and battling bullies - readers will be entertained whilst learning about tough real-life situations



Ages 9-11: In Nazioccupied Amsterdam in 1942, Hannie joins the Resistance. In the modern day, Liv is trying to cope with bullies at school. Heart-breaking, thought-provoking but a must-read.





