

THORPE ST ANDREW SCHOOL AND SIXTH FORM



HOOKED ON BOOKS



Welcome to our third edition of the school library newsletter, this will be sent out each month to notify you of book related events, dates and competitions.

In this issue:

Returning Library Books, Christmas Reads, Reading Champion Reviews, Online Scholastic Book Club, Christmas Quiz and Recommendations for Parents/Staff



DECEMBER 2020 #3



Just a reminder for students who wish to return books, there are boxes in each school, which are located as follows:

Year 7 – outside Library, in corner of dining area

Year 8 – Year 8 Office/PE Office

Year 9 – Raising Achievement Office

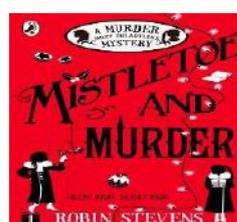
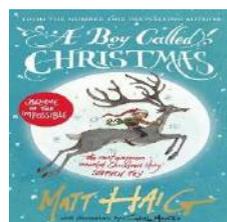
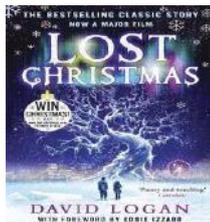
Year 10 – Admin Office

Year 11 – Hub 2 (First Aid)

Years 12 and 13 – 6th Form Library

Christmas Reads

Here are a few Christmas themed reads that you all may enjoy



Reading Champions!

Below are four reviews from Kyra and Radiyah in year 7, Alex in year 9 and Alice in year 12.

Too Ghoul For School Fete Worse Than Death by B Strange



This is a fictional sci-fi story about St Sebastian's School which sits on top of a plague pit. Ghosts live in the pit and travel through old pipes and change form to creep around the school. The head teacher organises a fete to raise money for St Sebastian's but the ghosts find out and cause mischief and havoc.

I liked the fact that it had the main story but also talked about the ghosts and what they were doing.

I also liked that at the end it has a few character profiles and jokes which are fun.

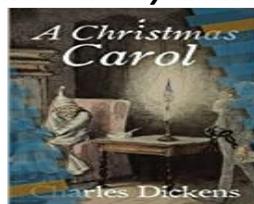
My favourite character would have to be Alexander because he has really good jokes and invents a ghost catcher, which saves the school. He also is really interested in science and creates lots of inventions and gizmos.

I think this is a good read and would recommend it to anyone 9+ and if you like it, you can read others from the series.

I would give this book a 3/5 because it was good but there could have been more excitement.

Kyra B, Year 7

A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens



I first read this book for GCSE English literature. I was convinced that because of its age and

because it was for school I would hate it, however I loved this book. For those who don't know,

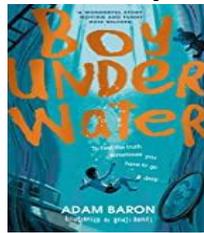
it follows a rather cruel man named Scrooge on his road to redemption. He is visited by three ghosts

who are vividly written by Dickens and each ghost is unique and has a specific purpose to help

Scrooge save himself. I loved the way the story was written and the way Dickens writes his characters so colourfully. The book is perfect for anyone to read, even though it's older, the language isn't difficult to understand and is easy to read. This book is truly magical and is perfect for this time of year and if you don't fancy reading the book, the adaptation, a Muppets Christmas Carol, is a great movie to watch this time of year too.

Alice B, Year 12

Boy Under Water by Adam Baron



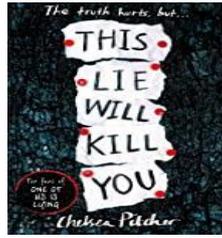
I highly recommend 'Boy Under Water' because it's quite a wonderful heart-warming story about family, friends and secrets - I can guarantee that this book will definitely make you laugh and probably make you shed a few tears...

Basically, it's about this young 9 year old boy called Cymbeline Igloo and he had NEVER been swimming. He blamed it on his mum so he asked her why she had never taken him swimming. She would always reply with a rubbish excuse e.g. being allergic to sand, "there are crocodiles living in the rivers", monsters roaming around etc.! So on Monday when he found out he was going to have swimming lessons from school, he decided to pretend he knew everything about swimming to defend himself from a bully (called Billy) but then that little white lie is the reason why the story exists because it's where the adventure began.

So, I honestly just picked this book off the shelf and the next thing I knew, I was hooked in (such a page turner)! I advise this book would be suitable for readers aged 10+. Overall, I think this is undeniably a novel people should definitely try if they love adventure and comedy stories :)

Radiyah A, year 7

This Lie Will Kill You by Chelsea Pitcher



This book is a murder mystery YA thriller that brought me mixed emotions throughout the story.

Towards the beginning I was intrigued and wanting to read on. However, I wasn't enjoying it massively. This book is about a group of friends that go to a "murder mystery dinner" game but it turns out to be much more than they anticipated. To read this book you need to be focused and engaged. I struggled with this towards the end which is why I did not finish this book. I found it intriguing and interesting throughout but at times I became bored and confused. If you're not into books that need focus and concentration to understand the story then this book might not be for you. However, if you are a fan of murder mystery and thrills or don't mind a hard to follow plot then I'm sure you will love this book! However, it was not for me despite it's potential.

Alex H, year 9

Would you like to be a Reading Champion and submit book reviews and recommendations to your fellow students? I am looking for 2-3 students from each year group to commit to writing a review for each newsletter. If you are interested, please email me at ahamilton3nrp@yare-edu.org.uk, telling me what you love about reading and why you would like to be a Reading Champion.



**ONLINE SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB – books make
fantastic Christmas presents!**



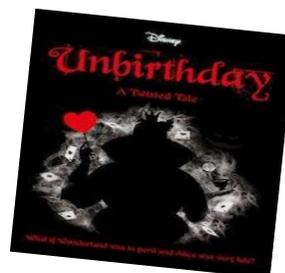
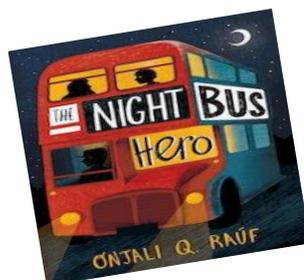
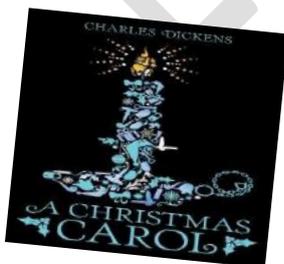
The library normally hosts a book fair in early December, this year we will have an online book club instead, clicking on the following link will enable you to browse and select any books you would like, pay for them online and they will be delivered to school for free and distributed via students, I can arrange for books to be wrapped if you do not want students to see what they are. If you want them delivered to your home, there will be a delivery charge at checkout.

Every order means that the library receives free books so you can also support us while purchasing some brilliant books!

<https://schools.scholastic.co.uk/thorpe-st-andrew/digital-book-club>

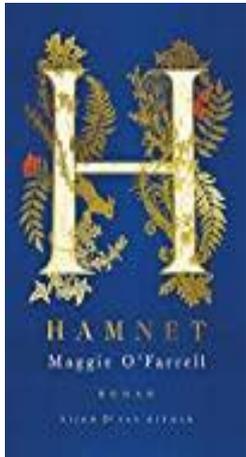
We normally have the Teen Book Club leaflet in school but you are able to browse any age group of books, from very young to study guides.

The last date for orders is Friday 4th December, thank you for your support!



Books for the Grown Ups!

Every month, the newsletter will also feature a recommended read for parents, guardians and staff, please feel free to let me know anything you would like to recommend.



Hamnet by Maggie O'Farrell, Winner of the Women's Prize for Fiction 2020

One of our greatest living novelists resurrects the short life of Hamnet Shakespeare, the Bard's only son, in a profoundly moving account of grief, family and genius in an era where life was ever precarious. On a summer's day in 1596, a young girl in Stratford-upon-Avon takes to her bed with a fever. Her twin brother, Hamnet, searches everywhere for help. Why is nobody at home?

Their mother, Agnes, is over a mile away, in the garden where she grows medicinal herbs. Their father is working in London. Neither parent knows that one of the children will not survive the week.

Hamnet is a novel inspired by the son of a famous playwright. It is a story of the bond between twins, and of a marriage pushed to the brink by grief. It is also the story of a kestrel and its mistress; a flea that boards a ship in Alexandria; and a glove maker's son who flouts convention in pursuit of the woman he loves. Above all, it is a tender and unforgettable reimagining of a boy whose life has been all but forgotten, but whose name was given to one of the most celebrated plays ever written.

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU ALL AND WISHING YOU A HAPPY AND
HEALTHY 2021

