

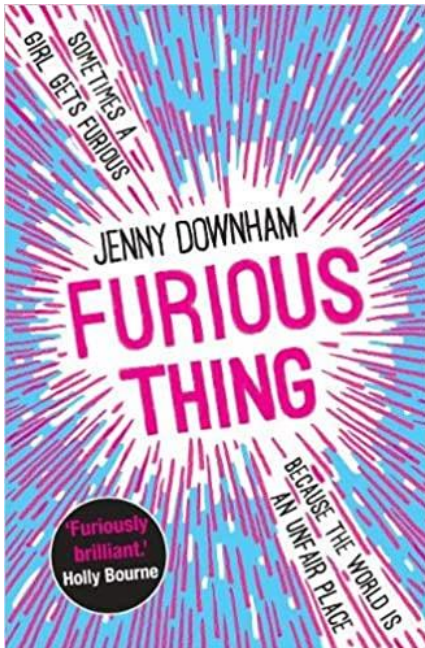


Crompton House School Library

Newsletter – No13

Encourage your child to read for 10 minutes every day. It can be a book, magazine, comic, newspaper, or blog. Reading for 10 minutes every day is proven to help improve literacy levels, relax and unwind, improve memory and concentration and importantly help with our mental health and wellbeing!

BOOK REVIEW



Furious Thing – Jenny Downham

Real Life Relationships/Emotional Abuse/Gaslighting/Family/Friendship

Age – Young Adult (YA) I would rate 14+

Lexi's angry. And it's getting worse. If only she could stop losing her temper and behave herself, her stepfather would accept her, her mum would love her like she used to, and her stepbrother would declare his crushing desire to spend the rest of his life with her. She wants these things so badly she determines to swallow her anger and make her family proud. But pushing fury down doesn't make it disappear. Instead, it simmers below the surface waiting to erupt. There'll be fireworks when it does.

The story of a girl who burns with anger for reasons she can't understand, and the power and risk that comes with making noise. A thought provoking and totally absorbing read.

NB contains adult themes which are handled responsibly by the author

[This Weeks Activity/News – SORA! E and Audio Book Library for CHS Students!](#)

I am excited to announce the launch of our online e and audio book library for CHS students 'Overdrive' via an app called 'Sora'. A parent mail has been sent out last week and students will be given specific instructions this week via Doodle on how to access it! The library has a great selection of titles from Comic Books and Graphic Novels to Classic Literature, Dystopian to Bibliotherapy, fiction and nonfiction. There really is something for everyone giving all our students access to fab reading material 24/7 totally free in these uncertain times. Roll on those lazy summer days and lose yourself in a book of your choice!

Sora's here.
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Borrow eBooks & Audiobooks from our school collection

- 1 Install the Sora app from Apple App Store or Google Play Store, or go to soraapp.com
- 2 In Sora, find your school, then sign in with your username and password.
- 3 Browse the EXPLORE tab and borrow a book. Your book will open so you can start reading right away.
- 4 Close the book and go to your SHELF to see all your books. From your shelf, you can open books & audiobooks, renew or return the book, and more.

Great websites

- The Booktrust is the UK's largest children's reading charity packed with resources and support to help encourage a love of reading. Struggling to find your next favourite read? Click [here](#) for help find your next favourite read based on age range and theme.
- National Writing Day (last weeks activity) takes place on Wednesday 24th June and you can find out more about how to join in [here](#) don't forget to share with Mrs Cullen on the details below.



Competitions – Life After Lockdown

The COVID-19 pandemic raised many questions about how societies are organized and how public health challenges can be tackled. Now that everyone is thinking about what post-lockdown future might look like, openDemocracy and UCL are inviting young people to have a say. They have created a competition for young people to share their ideas on how to shape a better future via a written article, photograph or video and you can find out more about it [here](#). Its open to children of 14 and above and there are lots of prizes. Closing date is 10th July. A special thank you to one of our parents for finding this competition.



Share Your Creations with me - Mrs. Cullen!

This newsletter is not homework it is simply to give you guidance, ideas and fun activities to share with your children and for yourselves during this difficult time. If, however you would like to share a book review, activities, artistic creations or any other literacy related ideas, I would love to see them. I would like to create a **'When We Stayed at Home'** display in the school library so that soon, we can all look back on this period with a smile for all the positive things our students and children are doing.

You can contact/tweet me and email reviews etc. on the details below. Happy reading and take care!

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