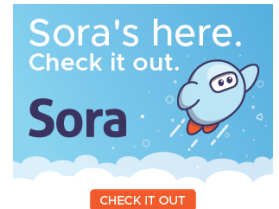




Crompton House School Library

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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

The Dirt Diary – Anna Staniszewski



Family/Friendship/Divorce/School Life/Relationships

Age 10 +

WANTED: Maid for the most popular kids in 8th grade. Cleaning up after the in-crowd gets Rachel all the best dirt.






Rachel can't believe she has to give up her Saturdays to scrubbing other people's toilets. So Gross. But she kind of, sort of stole \$287.22 from her college fund that she's got to pay back ASAP or her mom will ground her for life. Which is even worse than working for her mother's new cleaning business. Maybe. After all, becoming a maid is not going to help her already loserish reputation.

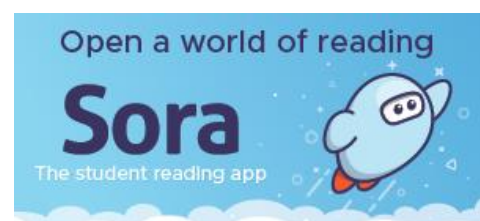
But Rachel picks up more than smelly socks on the job. As maid to some of the most popular kids in school, Rachel suddenly has all the dirt on the 8th grade in-crowd. Her formerly boring diary is now filled with juicy secrets. And when her crush offers to pay her to spy on his girlfriend, Rachel must decide if she's willing to get her hands dirty

NB You can loan this now free on the new school E book library Sora. You won't have to reserve as there are multiple copies available until 31st July.

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

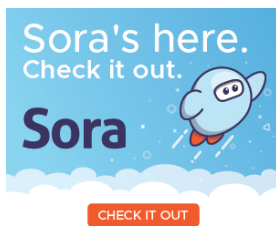
Log into your Sora app and carry out the following tasks:

-  Browse the collection
-  Create a wish list of titles on your virtual bookshelf that you would like to read
-  Choose a book
-  Read it!!!
-  Send a short book review to Mrs Cullen with comments on what you like about Sora!



Great websites and Information

- Sora - Crompton House have provided our students with access to a fabulous online library where you can read over 2000 titles 24/7 free! For an overview of the app click [here](#)
- Oldham Library is re-opening its doors from July 6th! There will be changes and you can find out about them [here](#)
- The world Book Day website has some fantastic stay at home ideas and free resources. Check them out [here](#).
- I found this great picture book about Coronavirus that aims to give younger children information without fear. You can download it [here](#). The website also has lots of other reading information to explain other issues in terms younger children can understand.



Competitions – Generation Lockdown Writing Competition

Generation Lockdown is a writing competition for ages 7-17 sharing stories of life in lockdown judged by published authors. The winners will be published in a book!

This is your opportunity to write about your experience in 700 words or less. Until midnight on Friday the 17th of July, you can submit a piece of writing about what life has been like in lockdown and during the coronavirus. This could be a personal experience, a poem, or a creative story. All of you will have had a unique experience that is only yours, and only you can capture in words. Information on how to enter [here](#).

GENERATION LOCKDOWN.



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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