

Storybook Wings

# Newsletter

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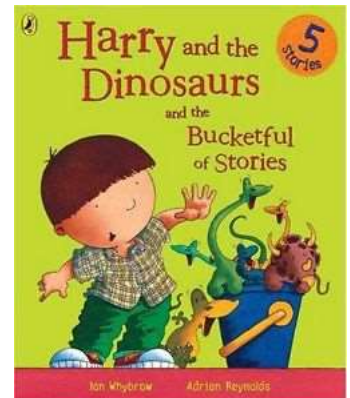
## Hello from me...

Happy New Year to you all and I hope you all had a good time over Christmas. Who watched the Room on the Broom and The Gruffalo's Child then!? Despite hearing these stories around 20 times a week I still thoroughly enjoyed watching them – almost as much as my two children who were transfixed.

I'm so glad we have so many of the Julia Donaldson stories on our approved story list but please also note we have many, many other fantastic authors to choose from including the Little Joe stories, Harry and the Dinosaurs and lots of Revolting Rhymes by the brilliant Roald Dahl. Perhaps you can suggest these as alternatives to people coming in to record and give that Gruffalo a rest – he must be exhausted!

Thanks all,

*Lisa*



## Happy families...

Recent messages of thanks from our families:

'Thank you so much for the storybook CD Jack listened to it last night whilst he was in bed, such a comfort to him.'

'Our 1 year old was so excited to hear Daddys voice and although not talking yet did point to the CD player and say something that sounded like dada which brought a tear to my eye. Thank you for making the distance from the Falklands to home that little bit closer.'

'Thank you so much for Alice's wonderful CD recording of her Daddy reading The Gruffalo. It's perfect she has been listening to it at least 20 times a day and again before she goes to sleep. Alice is only 2 yrs old and doesn't really understand why her Daddy isn't here at the moment but to see her eyes light up every time we play and she hears her Daddy's voice it is amazing. I wasn't prepared for the little messages from Mike at the beginning and end of the story and they did bring a tear to my eye! This is a wonderful project that we are privileged to be a part of.'

## Facts and figures

Month	No. of stories received	Stories edited and posted	Total stories since beginning of project
November	54	48	<b>1,299</b>
December	51	39	
January	16	36	

## Welcome to Minhad & MOD Stafford & hello Storybook Waves

Following pleas from the above stations, I'm pleased to report we now have recorders at Minhad and MOD Stafford to deliver the Storybook Wings project to personnel there. Our aim is to be able to send a story home to every child every time their parent is deployed so the more recorders and people we have out there administering the project, the better. We look forward to working with these stations.

We're also pleased to be able to help out our colleagues who run Storybook Waves for the Royal Navy – a few of our recorders are at Joint Education Centre and we can help facilitate stories and send them on to Storybook Waves or Storybook Soldiers for editing.

## Volunteer News - Introducing Martin



Martin joined our team in December after seeing one of our posters and hearing our BFBS radio campaign to recruit more editors. It's nice to know it worked!

When not stalking the Telly Tubbies (!) Martin works at RAF Waddington and, being a father, knows just how important it is to keep the contact going with your children when you're apart.

Martin is a self-confessed perfectionist which is all to the benefit of our families as the editing he has done so far has been fantastic.