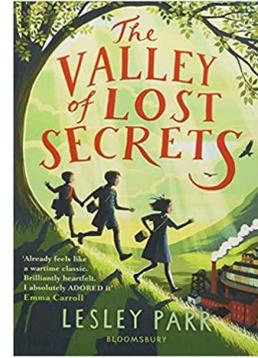


Greetings and Welcome ! On Wednesday afternoon of this week, children's author Lesley Parr will be joining us in school. Lesley will be talking about her books, inspiring the children with their own writing and enthusing about the joys of reading. Children will be able to ask Lesley questions – and will have the opportunity to buy one of her books, which she will sign and dedicate for them. Ahead of her visit, Lesley has very kindly sent us a message – a message that this newsletter gives three huge and enthusiastic cheers for ! Lesley says:

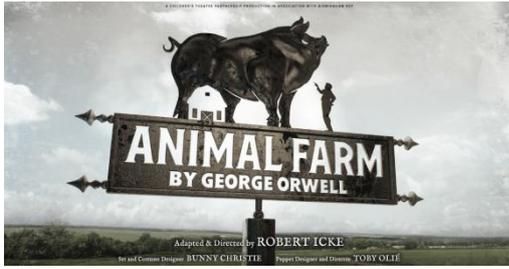


'The key word in the notion of READING FOR PLEASURE is PLEASURE. Read what you want, not what you feel you should be reading. Stories, comics, graphic novels, non-fiction...whatever makes you HAPPY is the most important thing. And don't worry if what you ENJOY is aimed at people younger than you – I'm a grown-up and I read and write children's books !'

The Valley of Lost Secrets: September 1939. When Jimmy is evacuated to a small village in Wales, it couldn't be more different from London. Green, quiet and full of strangers, he instantly feels out of place. But then he finds a skull hidden in a tree, and suddenly the valley is more frightening than the war. Who can Jimmy trust? His brother is too little; his best friend has changed. Finding an ally in someone he never expects, they set out together to uncover the secrets that lie with the skull. What they discover will change Jimmy – and the village – forever. **When the War Came Home:** The first



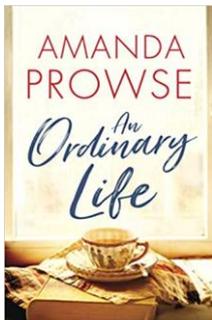
World War has ended, but it hasn't gone away. When Natty has to move to a new village, she meets two young soldiers who are still battling the effects of war. How can't forget the terrible things he's seen, but Johnny doesn't even remember who he is. As Natty tries to keep a secret and unravel a mystery, she finds her own way to fight for what she believes in – and learns that some things should never be forgotten ...



Live Theatre: On the evening of Thursday 28th April, members of our Drama & Theatre Club went to Liverpool's Playhouse Theatre to see an amazing stage adaptation of George Orwell's 'Animal Farm'. Produced by the

Children's Theatre Partnership and directed by Robert Icke, the play combined captivating music and cinematic staging with the use of beautifully detailed life-size puppets. Malvern children enjoyed an inspiring evening of thrilling live theatre - and as usual, their behaviour was exemplary.

I was delighted to receive an email from the theatre saying: *'It was an absolute pleasure to be able to welcome you all back to the Playhouse. Malvern's Drama & Theatre Club is one of our favourite groups, and we're delighted you all enjoyed the production.'*



Malvern Community Book Club: Our May meeting will take place on Thursday (May 12th) at 7.30pm in the Bowring Park Pub. All welcome - just turn up! We've been reading 'An Ordinary Life' by Amanda Prowse. Amazon says: *'Christmas Eve, 2019: Ninety-four-year-old Molly lies in her hospital bed. A stroke and a fall may have broken her body—but her mind is alive with memories.*

London, 1940s: Molly is a bright young woman, determined to help the war effort. Life becomes brighter when she meets and falls in love with a man who makes her forget everything with one dance. But then war forces her to make an unforgettable sacrifice, and when she's brought to her knees by a daring undercover mission with the French Resistance, only her sister knows the secret weighing heavily on Molly's heart. Now, lying in her hospital bed, Molly can't escape the memories of what she lost all those years ago....'

Please read aloud to the children each day. Happy Reading.....Paul (9/5/22)

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At home I'm reading **Great Circle** by Maggie Shipstead.

In class I'm reading **The Enigma Game** by Elizabeth Wein.

I'm reading **A Wish for Wings** by Robert Swindells to 4PK.

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