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Dear Parents and Carers,

A lot of you will be familiar with the summer reading challenge the libraries organise every year in association with The Reading Agency.

Below is a message from Claire Morley about this year's challenge.

'We are delighted to announce the theme of the 2020 Summer Reading Challenge:



– a celebration of funny books, happiness and laughter, featuring bespoke artwork from award-winning children's author and illustrator, Laura Ellen Anderson.

The Reading Agency, who produce the scheme each year, have designed an all-new updated Summer Reading Challenge website <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/> which they are launching on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June to keep children reading over the summer and support parents and carers with children already at home. This will be the only way for children to take part in the Challenge this year, due to the disruption caused by Covid-19. Because children will be taking part at a national rather than local level we will not be sending finishers' certificates to schools in the autumn term for presentation.

A whole host of virtual events with guest celebrities and authors will take place on the [Summer Reading Challenge Facebook page](#) to mark the launch of the digital Challenge. The Challenge website will be free to access and a place for children to rate and review their books and work towards their reading goal. It will also feature video content, games, quizzes, and digital and downloadable activities to incentivise and encourage children and their families to take part in the Challenge at home.

Although we won't be offering the usual incentives through our libraries, we do hope that children will still participate by borrowing books from our great e-book collection where we have over 1400 titles for children to choose from: <https://eastsussexlibrary.overdrive.com/library/kids/>

It is fantastic that this much-loved reading challenge is still going ahead, and we hope you will take the opportunity to get involved.

Kind regards,

Mrs Wilkins



