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Dear Mrs Coleman,

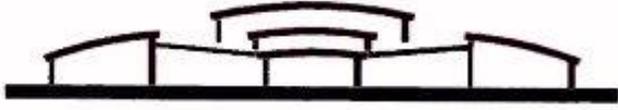
I am writing to you because there's a book called Noah Barley water and it's a great book, and if you want to find out more well you have to find the book to see what happens because there's an unwittingly journey waiting for you. But you're lucky that you have a helper to give you some quick sneak peaks of it. Here's how it started. Noah Barley water left home in the early morning, before the sun rose, before the dogs woke, before the dew stopped falling on the fields .That was the three lines of the book. Later on he went outside with his shoes on and imaginatively in his big brain of his (FIGURE OF SPEECH) thought about that he needed to go on an adventure and needed more achievements; (he only had 5 though). A few hours later he apparently saw a rather human talking creatures. There was a donkey and a dog.

After they finished chatting Noah followed the dogs advice so then he looked at a toy shop that the dog has told him and if I didn't mention this there were 2 trees. First it was an apple tree and there was a (mysterious) tree that manipulated Noah, that tree was like the devil (figure of speech). The tree that manipulated was standing like a brave soldier from World War I and World War II and I hope not III. Anyway without a sugar rush, Noah was standing inside the toy shop and he saw an old man.



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Noah Barley water runs away

*Once there was boy called Noah. He ran away from his mother to see what adventure he can go up to.
He walked and walked and walked until he couldn't no more.*

Noah saw a tree that could lean, and it was something who had some precious apples.

Noah was juicy like an apple, he knew he was hungry so he snatched 3 apples.

A man surprisingly caught him and yelled at him at the top of his wrinkly lungs.

But still, he had no puns, Noah ran and ran and while Noah was at it he saw nan.

Noah was successful until all 3 juicy apples vanished into thin air.

*So on his way he met a friendly dog and it was pleasant but he did the least, and the other was a donkey
who was on a heist to find some food.*

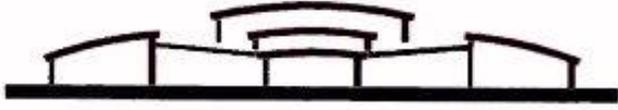
They were both helpful; he got trapped in a toy shop and could not get out.

By Andrew



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dear Mrs Coleman,

Firstly I am writing to you to inform you about the Noah Barleywater book that we read. I am also writing with a poem to go with this letter it is also based on the Noah Barleywater book. I think that it is a very emotional but exciting at the same time because Noah is very sad because his mum is about to die. I recommend that you read the book more than one time because you notice things in the book if you read it twice. Hope you like it! (It is only key bits).

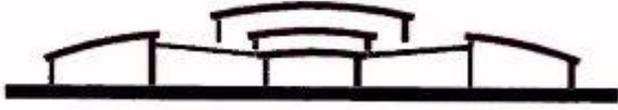
Noah ran away from home in the early morning and came across a village he then found an apple tree and tried to pluck one but it scuttled out the way so in the end he rugby tackled it clean of the ground even though it was alive. When he found a second village he ran straight past it into a field there he met a dog and a donkey that informed him a lot. They also told him about the toyshop just around the corner so Noah went in. when he got in an old man came and offered to have lunch with Noah. Whilst they were eating the old man told stories about how he was bullied at school by a boy called Toby Lovely and how he met a prince and that the old man went to the Olympics whilst this was doing on magic things were happening in the house. Noah then leaves and the old man caves a puppet, Pinocchio, and dies. Or does he... ? Ten years later Noah inherits the old man's toy shop when he went in he left the door open he then looks at the puppet that looked like Pinocchio then looks back at the door to check if anyone is there but there wasn't so left the door open and looked around his new home then looks at the puppet of Pinocchio. But there was no puppet to look at. Suddenly Noah realised something. But no the puppet could not be alive.

Like it? Remember that was only the key bits in the book there was a lot more detail. Make sure you get back to me as soon as possible. Hope you also like my poem best regards, Charlie from 5G.



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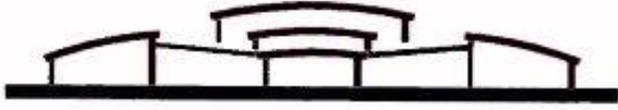
When Noah decided to run away ,
He'd laid out his clothes to go away,
He went to a village that specialised in falafels,
And loved what he saw,
A lot apples,
The only thing was scuttling around,
So he rugby tackled it clean off the ground,
He plucked 3 apples and ran and ran,
He passed another village,village2 he would call it,
As fast as a cheetah he arrived in a field,
Then his gaze was on a tree as shiny as a shield,
It was wondrously chocolaty brown like it didn't fit in this field
A dog and a donkey appeared they chatted a lot
They talked about a toy shop which almost made Noah go aloft
So he walked into the shop
As he walked in there were puppets which worried him a lot
They made him worried and more worried and more worried
Expectedly, he would scream
Until "hello"

By Charlie



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Mrs Coleman,
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Dear Mrs Coleman,

I am writing to you to tell you about a (great) book we have been reading. If you were wondering, it is called Noah Barleywater runs away. Firstly, I am going to tell you what happened in the (amazing) book. Then about the book and finally what I learnt. By the way it is Ellie writing this letter. I hope you enjoy reading this letter, that has lots of information about Noah Barleywater.

In Noah Barleywater runs away lots of (extraordinary) things happen. I will give you a vague idea about what happened in the book. An eight year old boy, who was adventurous, ran away from home because he wanted to go on an adventure considering he only had five achievements. After a while, he got to the first village. He was starting to feel quite hungry because he had not had his breakfast yet. Desperately, he looked around for something to eat. Just in front of him was an apple tree, with nice juicy apples on, so he plucked three off but what he did not know was that the apple tree was alive. He walked into the second village where a dog and donkey told him about a (magical) tree. Noah spotted a nice looking toy shop beside the tree and decided to go in. He met a (wrinkly) old man, that invited him for tea. They shared their memories together and had a walk until Noah decided he should go home. Sadly, his mum was poorly but he managed to get home before she died. Noah was a carpenter and carried on the shop.

Now I am going to tell you about the (fantastic) book. As soon as you see it, you need to read it. Without a doubt, it is one of the best books ever. Once you start reading it you cannot stop. It has great show not tells. The only problem is it ends on a cliff hanger. I hope they make another one. That would be fantastic.

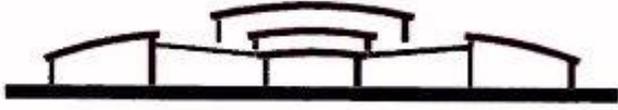
I learnt a few things from this book. One of the main things I learnt was you need to keep promises. I am going to tell you another thing that I learnt. Even if you're having a good time, do not lose track of time. Also, it is never too late to go back. Be proud of what you have done. Your family is special to you and you should never leave them, they will get sad, lonely and worried.

Yours sincerely, Ellie



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Open the door and out we go,
Courage, excited.
Adventurous.
Last look at the house,
Scared, sad.
Adventurous.

That tree can't be moving,
Surprised, worried.
Adventurous.
Chomp! I was hungry,
Frightened, angry.
Adventurous.

There's a talking dog and donkey,
Confused, shocked.
Adventurous.
Is it true that that tree is magic,
Amazed, astonished.
Adventurous.

He met a wrinkly old man,
Congratulate, happy.
Adventurous.
The old man invited him to lunch,
Thrilled, delighted.
Adventurous.

The old man showed him some puppets,
Interested, curious.
Adventurous.
The prince, Mrs Shied, Mr Quacker, Mr Wickle, Mr Wing,
Puzzled, intrigued.
Adventurous.

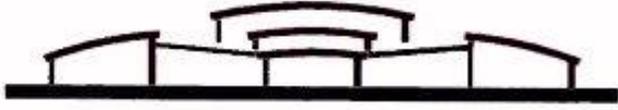
Talking about all the memories,
Lonely, upset.
Adventurous.
Thinking about all the happy times,
Nice, peaceful.
Adventurous.

By Ellie



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Dear Mrs Coleman,

I am writing to you to tell you about Noah Barley Water runs away. It is an exciting, creative adventurous book. It ends in an ominous way. And each time you read it you get it from a different point of view I would really recommend it and most people in my class would to but not all so do not get your hopes up.

WARNING: if you do not want me to spoil it (which I would recommend) then skip to paragraph 3. This book is about a boy who runs from his family since he does not want to see his mum hg

Since his mum will pass away. So he runs to a village and torments a tree. Then he finds a donkey and a daschund who show him an old toy shop. He then meets an old man with a mop of yellow hair he says some stories about him being the fastest boy in a 56 mile radius and how his poppa (Gelato) died. I am not going mention the end since every time you read it you get a different point of view.

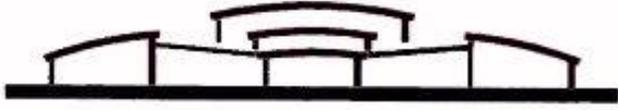
So please read the book. Mia said it was terrific. Thomas said it was unforgettable. Charlie said it was amazing. And Austin said it was fantastic. So there you have it please read the book.

Yours sincerely
Hamza



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He called Noah ran away from home
He ended up going Rome.
He found his first village yes,
This one was not his best.
He stole an apple from a tree,
Since he was hungry.
He was then classified as a thief,
But was still hungry and wanted to eat.

He met a strange daschund yet with a donkey.
A strange tree that loses track of time,
As Noah thinks about waving bye.
He found a wooden toy shop yes,
This village was his best.
It was filled up with wooden wonders
And this did make him ponder,
All this because he likes to wonder.

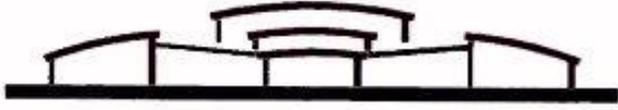
He met an old man over there,
Who made a wooden hare.
He gave Noah some food,
So Noah thought of him as very good.
Noah's mum was full of surprises,
When she thought it was the right timing.
The old man was as fast as a rocket
He could run with two heavy anvils in his pocket.

By Hamza



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Dear Mrs Coleman,

I am going to explain, what we have been reading about in Noah Barley-water runs away. It is written by John Boyne and illustrated by Oliver Jeffers. I am writing because I would like to tell you what we have been learning about. It is an amazing book and so interesting. He ran away because he had not done anything fun in his boring old life. He was so sneaky that he went so quietly down the stairs in case his parents heard a crunching sound.

This is what had happened, on his way it got darker and darker he started to feel hungry but he did not pack any food. He could have been in trouble or in danger he said "am I doing the right thing" he wondered. But he had no choice, no one could had blame him if he did anything. He only had five achievements in his life for an eight year old of his age. These are all his achievements 1 I have read fourteen books from cover to cover. 2 I won the bronze medal in the 500 metres at sports day last year and would have won a silver if breffini O, Nei ll had not jumped the gun and got a head start. 3 I know the capital of Portugal. 4 I may be small for my age but I'm the seventh cleverest boy, in my class.5 I am an excellent speller.

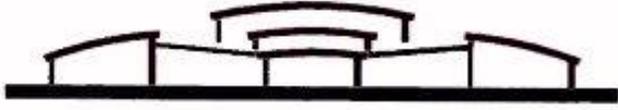
This book is really good for any age even Noah BarleyWater because you'll learn. I think u should read this book because it tells you not to run away. You should not run away because you'll miss your family and you won't see then again. It's an amazing book for kids. It has so many chapters, this is my advice when your reading this book you have to finish it will get boring plus you don't have to change it that quick. The end of the book it is a sad ending in a good way and that's good because if u have a sad ending t will make u sad.

Yours sincerely,
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Noah BarleyWater and his adventures

Noah Barleywater left home in the early morning,
And then started yawning because he was snoring,
He had his clothes ready the night before,
And saw more,
He held his breath before going downstairs,
As if he cares,
He quickly took his bright coat off,
And found a sloth that was soft.

He only had five achievements in his life,
And that was right,
His tummy was rumbling as if it was hungry,
And even grumbly,
He saw a tree with golden apples,
That made crackles.

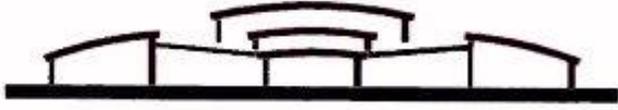
The golden apples,
He stole three,
And tried to see,
As quick as a flash he ate them all in one go,
And he jumped low,
And caught a bow,

He finally met the old man,
Before he swam,
They went to the old man's home,
And saw a bone,
And starts to moan,
He plays on his phone.

He finds his mum and dad,
And dad's mad so that's bad,
But he's so sad.

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Dear Mrs Coleman

I am writing to inform you about Noah BarleyWater.

Noah Barleywater left home early before the sun rose and before the dogs woke up. Noah was only eight and wanted to start an adventure so he ran away. He had no shoes and no food but he could not go back. When he stepped out he made a loud crunch on the gravel the parents went to investigate (it was still dark at this hour). Any danger could be lurking in the shadows.

When he got to the end of the quarter mile at just that point where he could turn around one last time.

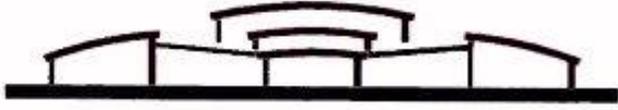
When he went through the first village he saw a tree with apples he was a bit hungry so he stole three apples Noah heard a voice from the tree it said oh please do not take my apples.

The reason Noah left is because his mum was near to death and he did not want to see her die. He also met an old man they had fun and told each other about their life.



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Narrative poem

I left as fast as a fly,
I felt like I'm fast as light.

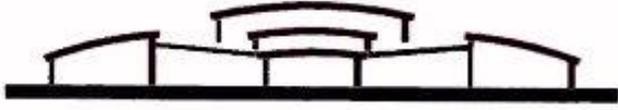
Im very hungry I need some food,
Theres no food but here's some loot.
Im hungry look a tree ,
It might have an apple you see.
I need to run I never knew ,
Stealing apples is fun,
Im in a new village ,
So now its time to pillage.
Hello old man ,
I thought you would be a bold man.
Old man can I have a meal ,
Well your going to pay my bill.
Mum's in London with her friends,
She had none at the begging and end.

By Jawad



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Wednesday 23rd of October 2019

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Dear Mrs Coleman

I am going to explain what happened in Noah Barleywater by John Boyne. He started by going through the woods after getting ready (forgetting his shoes at 5 o'clock in the morning). At the first village there was a tree. He picked off three apples but got caught and ran as fast as an eight year old can run. All three apples fell in the dust

In the second village he finds a big hypnotic tree that made him lose track of time and then finds himself walking into the toy shop after talking to a helpful dachshund and a hungry donkey. All the puppets stared at Noah as if they were alive. A kind old man came and all the puppets stopped them from staring at Noah afterwards they went upstairs to have lunch. Noah spotted a box and the old man told stories of his amazing life when he became super-fast but on the final puppet poppa {the old man's dad} died.

For the final part Noah and the old man take a walk and then convince Noah that he should definitely go home. Before bed the old man cared a puppet. It was not long before the wood started to take form of a boy. In the end the old man succeeded. Ten years later Noah got a letter and inherited Pinocchio toy shop.

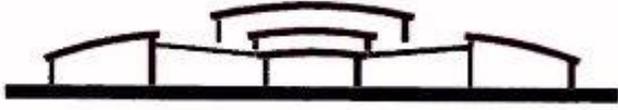
I recommend you check this book out and ad the poem!

Yours sincerely jack



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NOAH BARWARTER RUNS AWAY I

Noah left the house
As quiet as a mouse
Going through the wood
Taking one final look
Noah!

Came to the first village
Pick a tree-o-three apples
Did not know I would pillage
Now I got caught
I ought
To run got to make a dash for it so swiftly
That was not fun
BARLYWATER!

Stared at a tree for an hour looked away
At least not a whole day
Met a helpful dachshund and a donkey hungry but not wonky
Dog can be growly like a lion
Into the toy shop I go
Puppets are creepy it might just be me I don't know
This reminds me of a story about a guard
When I almost stole a pack of cards
RUNS!

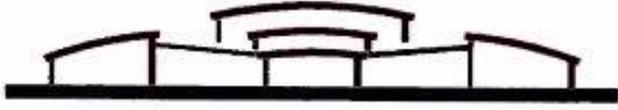
Old man comes up the stair}
It's not an orange tang {not a rabbit}
I need to get out of the habit
Come up for lunch
I don't have a bunch
"What is in the box"
"Memories"
One of the puppets made think of a pool story
One of them the old man's poppa got poorly
Beautiful sunrise
AWAY!
NOAH BARLYWATER RUNS AWAY!

By Jack



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Dear Mrs Coleman

I'm going to explain the story of Noah Barleywater runs away by John Boyne and illustrated by Oliver Jeffers. Noah Barleywater left home in the early morning before the sun rose, before the dog woke, before the dew stopped falling on the fields. He climbed out of bed and shuffled into the clothes he had laid out the night before. Not a second to soon, he began creeping down the stairs. BANG! Went the door as he set off. He was never going to see his family again.

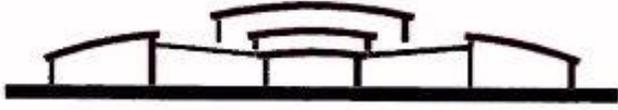
As he scurried quietly across the pavement, who was trying to be silent he had been strolling all morning suddenly he noticed a rather strange tree. Hidden behind the rather strange tree was a strange building. Noah rushed in as quick as a flash. Here Noah meets a very unusual toymaker with a story to tell a story of adventure and wonder and broken promises. The toymaker took Noah on a journey. A journey that will change his life and it might change yours too. On Noah's eighteenth birthday ,which was ten years ago he met the old man in the shop, he got some weird looking mail that had arrived so he opened it and...

Yours sincerely
Lola



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NOAH BARLYWATER RUNS AWAY

Left home early morning
Always is yarning
Unbelievably quiet
To young to be on a diet

Strolled down the road
Heart broken tree all alone
Before long, reached the town
Can he see the queens crown?

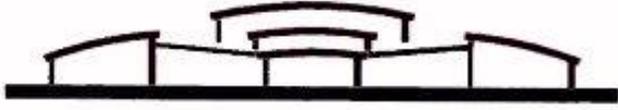
I see an apple
When I'm older I'm going to battle
Mr tree moaned
And then stared to groan

As quick as a flash
He made a good dash
He found a shop
While wearing a (blue)top

Slowly but shortly
Ran into the shop DING! went the door
Then met the security guard
Who would never buy a birthday card
Then saw the magnificent mirror

Hope you liked it
By Lola





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Dear Mrs Coleman,

I am writing to inform you about an enjoyable event that took place in our classroom. We finished a book that we had been reading in English. It was called *Noah Barleywater runs away*. It was really imaginative and we all loved it. One of the reasons I like this (amazing, gripping) book was because of its details, twist and imagination, I could tell how much work the author put in. It releases feelings that you have never experienced. I really liked it. It creates an atmosphere and is witty and clever, through out. We think that you should read this book.

Although I do not want to spoil things for you, it is about an 8 – year – old – boy, who is called Noah Barleywater, he runs away to find 3 very unusual villages full of talking trees and unfriendly men. At the start you do not have any idea of why he has run away. When he reaches the 3rd village, he meets a helpful dog and hungry donkey. I specifically liked their personalities as they were unique and interesting. Noah sees a beautiful tree that looks special. Hidden behind it is a wonky house. He steps inside and realises it is a toy shop. Suddenly an old man appears. All the characters in this book vary and as soon as you see the old man you realise that he is hiding deep, discreet secrets. This book is easy to picture and all in all I love it.

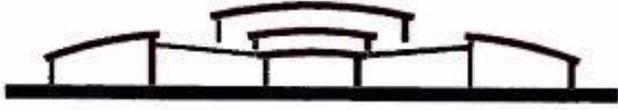
I would recommend reading it as you feel as if you are inside the book with the characters. It is deeply sad but it has everlasting happiness to even it out. The twist at the end made me gasp. It is a magical and spellbinding tale made to please. It is also a book lover's delight and I am sure you would enjoy it. It made me smile at some points and almost cry at others. Thank you for reading this letter.

Yours sincerely,
Megan



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The tale of Noah Barleywater

Noah, in to clothes he creeps,
And tiptoes avoiding the stair that creaks,
Phenomenally sneaks outdoors,
Walks down the garden, takes a pause, is this the
last time he'll see his house?
Walks further on, quiet as a mouse.

Across the park to find village 1,
From this point on he starts to run.
Ravenous, wants some food,
From all the breakfasts he is shooed,
And then wait, what's that I see?
Could it be an apple tree?

He tries to grab an apple but the tree moves
away,
"Not now – oh please – oh not today."
He grabs an apple, never mind,
The tree wasn't being very kind,
But oh, where have the apples gone?
Oh shoot oh well we have to move on

On to village 2 he finds,
He's been bad, committed crimes.
Crunch! Goes the ground under his feet
There might be someone he wants to meet.

On he goes through a maze of trees,
The wind biting his face oh please!
He finds himself somewhere peculiar,
And gazes at a tree of fir,
How beautiful, how amazingly pretty,
He turns around, what a pity,
Someone there to spoil his fun,
He looked up to see the sun.

A helpful dog and hungry donkey,
Behind the tree a house that's wonky.
Across the road and to the door,
And there he saw,
Puppets, puppets made of wood,
He looked at everything he could.

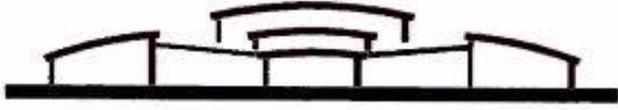
Suddenly a man appears,
His eyes filled with joyous tears.
"Finally a customer!"
The man's hair looked a bit like dog fur.
An amazing runner he used to be,
His father had planted the fir tree.

The old man told Noah of his pa,
And that is Noah's story so far.
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Dear Mrs Coleman,

This letter I am going to explain what we have read in Noah Barleywater runs away, which is written by John Boyne and illustrated by Oliver Jeffers. We have been talking about the old man and Noah's feeling and character.

Secondly, we have read that Noah gets into his clothes he had laid the night before crept downstairs quietly and ran away. We have also read that he had stolen three apples from a tree that had feelings, met a donkey, who just wanted food, also met a dog, met an old man, who was very friendly and worked at a toy shop, sadly, at the end, he passed away and now his sole is back in the carved puppet ponochio.

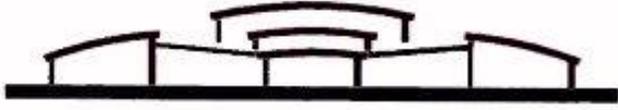
By the way, I am not going to tell you any more about the book because you must read it and I do not want to spoil it for you. Last of all, this book is very interesting, fun and enjoyable, therefore you should read it. If you would like to read the blurb it is tis, eight year old Noah's problems seem easier to deal with if he does not think about them. So he runs away through the forest, and before long he comes across a toy shop, full of amazing toys and wonderful magic. This is the other bit of the blurb here, Noah meets a very unusual toymaker with a story to tell; a story on a journey. A journey that will change his life. And it could change yours to. You should be eager to read it.

Yours sincerely,
Melissa.



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Noah Barleywater

Left home in the early morning,
Into his clothes he'd laid the night
before.

Left home in the early morning,
Down the stairs as quiet as a mouse.

Left home in the early morning,
Took his coat off his hook.

Left home in the early morning,
Didn't put his shoes on he'd left the
house.

Only five achievements in his life,
At the age of eight.

Only five achievements in his life,
Pressing his pencil to his tongue.

Only five achievements in his life,
One achievement every year.

Only five achievements in his life,
He starts walking to the first village.

Noah's a little hungry,
Smelling some pies.

Noah's a little hungry,
As he'd not had his breakfast.
Noah's a little hungry,

As his tummy was rumbling.
Noah's a little hungry,
Staring at a tree.

Stolen three apples,
Even though the tree said "no."
Stolen three apples,
He'd do it as sneakily as a burglar.
Stolen three apples,
They were juicy, they were green.
Stolen three apples,
Because he was very hungry.

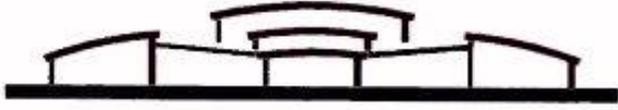
The old man,
He runs a toy shop.

The old man,
Ran a race and won.

The old man,
Noah went to the fair with his mum.
The old man,
Noah and his mum staring at the
horizon.

Noah Barleywater.
Noah Barleywater ran away.
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Dear Mrs Coleman,

First of all, I am writing to you because I would like to share with you what we have learnt in English this term. Our class has been reading a book called Noah Barleywater. It is all about a boy who runs away and finds himself in an old toy shop owned by an old man.

Let me tell you in more detail! So, there was a boy called Noah Barleywater and wanted to run away from home, he set off very early in the morning. The reason why he is running away is because he has not made any achievements in his life. Then Noah came across an apple tree and before thinking he took three, green, juicy apples. Next, Noah ran past the second village and met a dog and a donkey started having a conversation. Noah moved onto the third village and found an old toy shop, he went in it and shouted "Hello?" a couple of times. Noah then realised that he was alone and all of the toys were looking at him. The following door opened slowly, Noah hesitated but it turned out to be an old man. The old man asked Noah "would you like some lunch?" Noah replied and said yes! So, they both walked up the stairs into the kitchen and sat down to some lovely food on the table. After a while, they had finished lunch and went back downstairs, had a chat and then decided to go for a walk. The old man asked Noah if he was going to go back home, Noah was surprised and said yes he was. So Noah went back home and had a nice life.

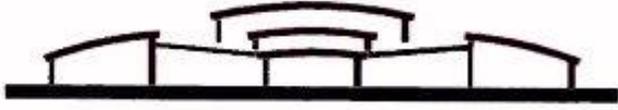
Did you like it? Let me know if you did!

Yours sincerely,
Naomi.



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Noah Barleywater

It was that day,
When Noah decided to run away.

This day had come,
For fun to be done.

The sun was out (he's such a winner),
Sadly though, not going to be back in time for dinner.

Eight years old "what's going on? ",
This journey's going to take so long!

So what a rush what a rattle,
This is going to be such a hassle.

Go down the stairs without no creak,
The floor boards are so squeaky clean.

Finally, down the stairs (almost just one more step),
Please don't make a noise, I beg.

Out the door don't make a 'creak',
"oh no what are mum and dad going to think".

After all this he's out the house,
Just then he saw a mouse.

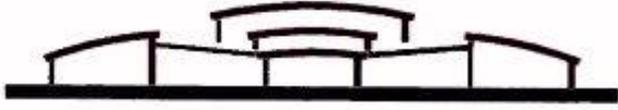
Focus Noah just run,
You can have fun in the sun.

He came across an apple tree,
That had appeared to be free.

Noah took not one not two but three green apples,
He ran before he got rugby tackled.

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Miss Coleman,
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Dear miss Coleman,

I am writing this to you because I need to tell you about Noah Barley water. I really enjoyed this book because it was adventurous. Firstly he left home then could see an apple tree then stole sneakily three delicious apples and took a bite but lost all of the apples. After that, he saw a cute dog and an adorable donkey. Next two an extremely strange toy shop. The toy shop was full of freshly calved puppets.

There was not a soul to be seen in this strange toy shop. It did not look like a toy shop Noah usually saw. I really suggest you read this book .then Noah met this friendly old man the kind old man welcomed Noah to eat lunch because it was midday. Plus he was as hungry as a pig. Hungry Noah happily ate a lot .T hen we realized why silly old Noah ran away it is because his mum was extremely sick. So he did not get much attention.

The Old Man told stories about Poppa. Poppa is the Old Man's dad. One of them was the older man came home to see his dad pasting away. But when Noah heard that that his mum will die soon. The Old Man begged Noah to go home.

Ten years later, it is Noah's eighteenth birthday. Noah's dad came in with present's and cards one of them did not look familiar so he opened the card. By the way the Old Man's carved Pinocchio the puppet. Noah went there to see an open door, no Old Man was seen. Now it was Noah's wonderful shop.

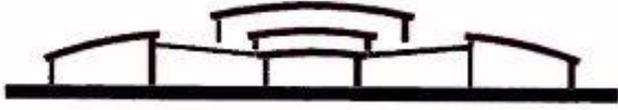
So if you did not get it the Old Man died and came back as Pinocchio. Noah had mixed feelings happy and sad. Here are some things people thought about this book. Bella says "enjoyable" Miss Green says "surprising". So that's why I think you should read this book.

Your's Sincerely Roxy



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He left be for the beaming sun rose,
He stepped into some nice clean cloths,
Noah left home,
And went on a great adventure,

The sun slowly approached,
As slow as a snail,
But the boiling sun came really close,
But then a mouth-watering site approached,

It was a juicy apple tree,
It looked so yummy,
But the tree pushed him away,
And with cries and tears.

It felt as if he had silently drifted to heaven,
In seconds he was of with three juicy apples,
And took a great massive bite,
And swallowed like a slithering snake.

But then a not great sound hit his ear,
Thy said loudly,
“give that back now”
He felt horrible.

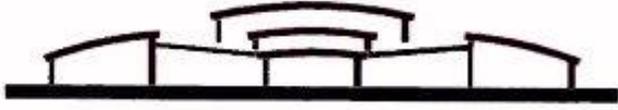
He held his breath,
And let out a silent scream,
Noah new he was in bad trouble,
Terrible trouble.

By Roxy



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Mrs Colman,
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Dear Mrs Colman,

To start with, this will mainly tell you about a (brilliant) book called *Noah Barleywater runs away*. It is basically what has happened after the story of Pinocchio. Year 5 have really enjoyed reading it and I think you would like it too because you are a wonderful storyteller. I know because you normally tell stories in assemblies. You should defiantly read *Noah Barleywater runs away*. If you do read it I hope you really enjoy it like me (Bella).

I am just going to tell you what basically happened. In the first chapter Noah runs away and arrives at a village (village 1) and feels hungry and to his amazement an apple tree appeared so he stole 3 apples. Someone saw so he ran and suddenly they disappeared (the apples). Noah was still hungry so carried on his adventure and in the next village he met a man reading a newspaper. The man mysteriously knew about the apples he stole so Noah ran away and came to the 3rd village. In village 3 he met a dog and a (hungry) donkey, who told them about the tree and the shop, said an old man lived there. Noah walked into the shop without thinking. He looked around and saw toys made of wood. The old man was a friendly man and invited Noah for lunch. They told each other story after story. In the end it turned out he was Pinocchio. Ten years later Noah was invited to work in the toy shop so he worked there until his last days. I forgot to add that his mother dies.

My favourite parts were: the last chapter and the different villages. I also enjoyed when we (5G) had to write a letter to the old man explaining why he should go home. The last part though was really shocking. I liked learning about Noah's adventure. I do not get why the old man chose to be a puppet again. I hope you like the same parts as me.

It was a very emotional story. In this paragraph I will tell you about all the emotions I experienced. At first the story was as wonderful as a rainbow. At some points I was sad, disappointed. Most of the time I was shocked, surprised and happy. In loved reading about Noah's exciting adventure. I really wanted to read more!

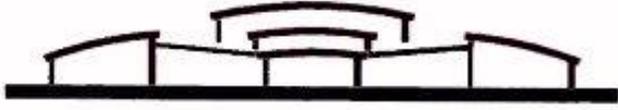
Here are some quotes about the book. Michael quoted, "I enjoyed it when he went home." "it is a wonderful book," Roxy exclaimed. "it is amazing," Ellie told me. "and full of life." "it ends on a cliff hanger," Hazel said happily. "Noah went on an amazing adventure," Luke shouted at the top his voice. "it was magical and interesting," Mia bellowed. "it is full of emotion ," remarked Izzy. "It had a surprising ending," commented Miss Green.

Yours sincerely Bella.



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Noah Barley water

He left as early as 6:00 even earlier,
Through the (dark, scary) forest,
To village one,
He plucked a shiny apple to eat for fun.

Carefully, through the (dark, dangerous) forest, early, early,
To village two,
"You're the thief," called a man,
Noah got up and ran.

Quickly, through the (dark, frightening) forest, as early as ever,
To village three,
A dog and a donkey,
Told him about the shop and tree.

Curiously, through the (creaking) door,
Was not his decision at all,
In the shop as strange as ever,
A man as old as Santa clause stood there.

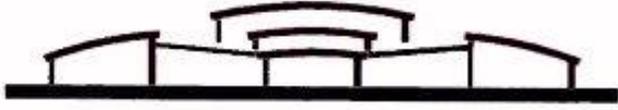
Slowly, the (spiralling) stairs, hungry, hungry,
They shared stories,
Why Noah left,
And about the ancient man's dad's puppets.

By Bella



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Mrs Coleman,
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Dear Mrs Coleman,

I am writing to you because I want to tell you about the book we are reading in class. It is called, Noah Barleywater runs away I think you should read this book because it is as exciting as travelling to a different dimension. Also it is incredibly exciting but in some parts it is a bit sad. And my personal opinion is if somebody very important to you pasts away then this book would cheer you up. Next, if you like magical and unforgettable stories that are so interesting then you should read this remarkable book. Although there are a few sad bits it is mainly magical.

Firstly, it is about this young boy who runs away because he thinks it is was his fault that his mum is ill and he has not drawn enough attention to himself. So he runs away to a village and there is a tree with luxurious and as gold as a golden fountain apples. So he picked three of the apples but then one of the branches swung in pain and frustration trying to tell him off. Soon he came across another tree that if you stare at it too long you lose track of time, but behind the tree is a huge toy shop. So Noah went in and for some reason everything was made out of wood and the shop was empty although there was a 'hello' in the distance. As the noise got closer and closer he saw two glowing eyes and porridge-like hair and Noah wandered who it was. It was an old man that had owned the shop for years so Noah decided to have something to eat besides he did not bring anything. But after that he went back home to see his mum and fortunately he was not too late but on his 18th birthday he got an envelope so he opened it up and there was a key to reopen the toy shop.

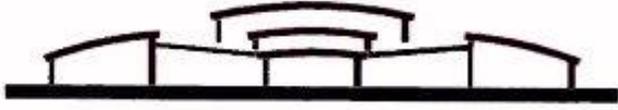
Last of all, if you want to read it then read it slowly you do not want to miss anything out. Also, you could recommend it to someone else that might love these types of books. And it could also teach you a lesson you must never forget. And if you do read it then remember to never forget it. Then if you liked it so much then maybe you could get one for Christmas. Last but certainly not least, always remember magic.

Yours hopefully,
Tom.



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Noah Barleywater

Eight year old boy goes on an unforgettable adventure
But who knows there could be some danger.
As he sets off on his quest
Nobody knows where he's going yet.

As he plucked three divine golden apples
He forgot the name, maybe 'mapples'.
Noah but the tree in so much pain
The he thought the tree was really lame.

Soon he came across a remarkable tree
And it was really beautiful now you see.
It was as green as the greenest grass
But it wasn't as golden as a musical brass.

Then he came across a wrinkled man with porridge-like hair,
Almost like a polar bear.
In the huge toy shop there were furious puppets,
But they really didn't look like Muppets.

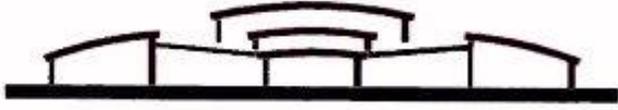
Soon the old man told him stories,
About his fame and glory.
And told him about Toby Lovely,
But as he beated him things got ugly.

By Tom



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Mrs Coleman
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The reason why I am writing to you is because I want to tell you about the book Noah barleywater hope you like it.

The once was a boy named Noah Barleywater and he ran away from home and went to a random village and met a dog and donkey and said got to he toy shop and he meet the old man and offered him a bit of lunch. He got a bit of lunch at the toy shop; he was surprised by how much the man had given him. Next, Noah and the old man went through his puppets. Mrs Shields, Mr Quackers, Mr Wickle and others. After that the old man told him about his fame and glory and how he met the prince.

He got a letter from the king and queen and went down there straight away and took the prince to Scotland since they told him to and to get the kings riffle. After the old man told him the flashback it was starting to get late. The old man was asking Noah if he wanted to go home but Noah said no, he asked if he could have a puppet and the old man copied his last answer. Noah was running around as fast as a cheetah and the old man locked up the shop and Noah ran back to his house.

He ran as fast as he could back to his house and was waiting out there for five minutes until his dad saw him. He rushed downstairs and the answered the door and Noah said is it too late and dad said no, she doesn't have to long left. Ten years later his mum dies and he was sitting on his bed for his eighteenth birthday and his dad burst in with a lot of presents from his aunts and uncles but one had no name on it he read it and it saves you can have it my toy shop and have it for yourself.



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Noah woke up in the
morning before the dogs woke up.
Avoiding the creaky stairs before someone woke up.
He took his shoes and left home.
He went on an adventure on his own.
He did not wear his shoes on the gravel, so nobody woke up on his travel,
He ran as fast as a cheetah,
He saw some apples left to be,
He ran and ran but he did not get there in time,
Which the tree moved its behind,
Noah hugged the tree and stole some apples,
He ran away when people were screaming,
That screaming really hurting his feelings.

He ran through a forest and met a dog and camel,
The shop was named the puppet flannel,

He went inside and looked at the puppet,
There was a man creeping

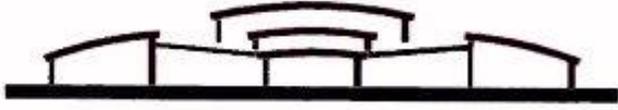
Noah really liked the floor,
The old man appeared out of nowhere,
He was hairy, smart he appeared out of somewhere

By Archie



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Asia,
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Wednesday 23rd October 2019,

Miss Coleman,
Sandhills school,
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Dear miss Coleman I am writing this to tell you I think you should read Noah Barleywater. I personally think it is amazing. To be honest, I dislike one thing, why Noah ran away from home. Do you already know the story? If not, I'll tell you about it. Anyway, he also steals three apples when tree told him off.

So Noah ran away from home to the forest where he stole the apples because he didn't bring any food or water. So it is his fault. After that we did some acting out (drama). Hazel was Noah, Austin was the tree, Bella, Mia, Izzy were the judges. Me, Ellie, Thomas and Luke were the jury. Next, prosecution: Megan, Jack, Jawad, Finely and Juliet. Defence: Melissa, Inaayah, Andrew and Roxy.

Back to the story of the one and only eight-year-old Noah Barleywater. He continued his journey to the toy shop. Noah met the old man by ringing the doorbell. I think we should get back to the story. Because we got off track. I also met a donkey who just wanted attention and food.

As Noah continued his amazing adventure he had a short flash back where he and his mum went to the fairground. Noah went on a ride after it ended Noah checked the bench his mum was on. He got told by a police officer, "Are you Noah?" "Yes I am" "I thought so your mum is in the healing tent because she feels very, very, very, very ill she needs help.

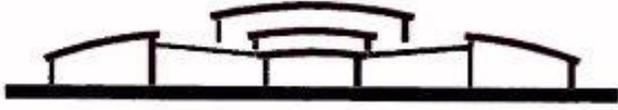
Noah didn't want to continue because he got extremely sad. So now I'm out of that we are back in the toy shop should I tell you the end? The old man is secretly Pinocchio so when he dies his body fits in Pinocchio the puppet.

Yours sincerely,
Asia.



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Noah Barleywater Runs Away

Noah Barleywater left home,
I think at home he'll be alone.

Next he wanted to go explore,
He found a tree with apples on it.
He went to steal three,
When the tree said no.

He decided to keep going on his adventure,
He found a mysterious tree in the middle of nowhere.
He kept going on his journey then saw a donkey,
Nearby there was a toy shop that didn't earn much money.

So I went to ring the doorbell he, was like "who's that ringing my doorbell"?
Noah said "may I come in?" The Old Man said surprisingly "Of Corse," Noah said "Oh thank you" The Old Man "What brings you here?" "I don't want to talk about it"

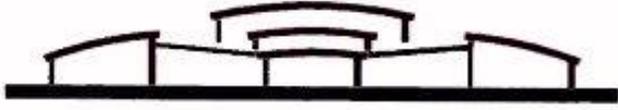
"Oh why not? Are you okay?" asked The Old Man.
"I ran away from home I stole three apples surprisingly the tree said no. I then found a mysterious tree with flowers surrounding it. I saw your donkey.

I then had a flashback with me and my mum when we went to the fairground, I went on a ride. When I checked the bench she was on, she was gone. It made me worried turns out she's ill," replied Noah.

"What about you?" replied Noah. "Well uh umm this one is quite sad I had a time when I got a litter from the King and Queen they asked me to run with the Prince on my back to Scotland to get him trained. By surprise, the Prince wasn't heavy at all. He was as light as a feather
Hopefully, if we have time I will tell you an another one. Maybe, maybe not ..."Whoosh oh sorry" I said that I just got reminded when were at the beach."

By Asia





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**Dylan,
Sandhills,
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Wednesday 23rd**

**Mrs Coleman,
Upstairs,
Sandhills,
Oxford,
OX3 8FN.**

Dear Mrs Coleman,

First of all, I am here to inform you about the wonderful adventures of Noah Barleywater. Firstly, he ran away from home to find his own way in the world, at this point Noah was only 8 years old. Luckily he found a lovely old man. This man was as old as mouldy milk and was quite peculiar. If I was you I would read this book because it is very funny and exiting. He also has 3 friends the door, the clock and a hat stand. All of his furniture in his house was alive (I told you he is peculiar).

Occasionally, the old man went on thrilling adventures and some not so thrilling. In fact he was the only human boy in his school. It might sound weird but it is true and he also got bullied buy this kid called toby lovely or should I say elephant kid. After a while the fast running old man (who was a child at this point) got an invitation in a fine scroll from the king and queen. Admiring the scroll the old man opened it and saw that the king and queen wanted him to carry the prince to Scotland on his back. Of course he accepted but it would be hard as he was just a young boy. A day later, the prince had been carried to Scotland.

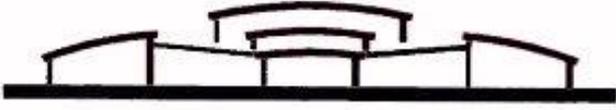
At the end of the story, Noah was eighteen and received a package from the old man. It had the key to the old man's toy shop were they first met. Over the years the old man had been trying to carve Pinocchio but it only let him when he was about to die. The reason for is that he used to be Pinocchio but he turned himself into a boy when he was younger and his dad was a master craftsman and he was called jepeto and Pinocchio's dad is also called jepeto. So that means when the old man died his soul went into Pinocchio's puppet.

Best regards Dylan



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**Early in the morning Noah left yawning,
The only sound was birds calling.**

**As quiet as a mouse,
He left the house.**

**In the little shop of toys,
That was a home for little boys.**

**Freaked out when he heard tone,
It sounded like a bit of stone.**

**Noah was scared and shy,
when he met the guy.**

**His head was very denty,
But he was very friendly.**

**Really unfairly, his teacher said,
Boys will be boys when they hit his head.
She was the old man's first teacher,
and the worst teacher.**

**The prince was in line for king,
but didn't know a thing.**

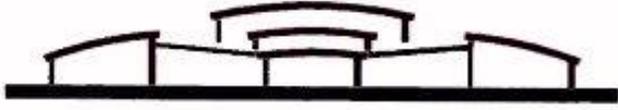
**The king wanted his rifle, to go BANG,
So he ate a strawberry trifle.**

By Dylan



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Juliet,
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Mrs Coleman,
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Dear Mrs Coleman,

I am writing to you because I want you to know about a remarkable story called Noah Barleywater Runs Away by John Boyne. It was wonderful. The incredible book was extraordinary. It had an amazing plot, weird characters and something very surprising at the end. Some characters were more peculiar than others like the (ordinary) lumberjack and a half elephant. I really hope you will like it if you read it. However much I don't want to spoil it for you, here is a little bit explaining it.

First things first, (8 year-old) Noah decides to run away as has he has only achieved 5 things in his life. He also ran away, as it says later on in the book, because his mother was ill, he blamed himself and he was getting ignored. Secondly, he sees an apple tree that was speaking and trembling, and takes 3 juicy apples. After that, he came across some villages and stopped at one with an (oddly-shaped) toy shop. In front of it was a magnificent, hypnotic tree. Losing track of time, Noah stared at the tree until a talking dachshund and donkey came along informing him that he had been there for nearly an hour. The donkey was hungry and wanted food every twenty minutes. Without thinking, he stepped inside the toy shop and met an (old, kind) man. He used to be an excellent athlete. The old man told stories of when he ran to Scotland and back carrying a child. Also, he says about when he went to the Olympic Games to compete, was away for 10 years and when he father most unfortunately died. The old man taught Noah that he should go back home, whilst his mother was still alive. Later on in the book, it says that the old man was Pinocchio as his father was Geppetto and his nose grew longer whenever he lied. In the end, Pinocchio turned in to a puppet and (18 year-old) Noah inherited the shop.

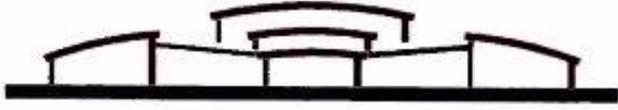
Although it is quite long, that is the plot of the story. You must read it. I might read it again as I liked it so much. This story is intriguing, has a clever plot and is just over all wonderful. The book is first class. Once again, you should read it. In fact, a lot of other people will read it again, I am sure.

Yours sincerely,
Juliet.



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NOAH BARLEYWATER RUNS AWAY

Eight year-old Noah runs away,
And says he'll never come back any other day,
Quiet, walking on tiptoes,
Creeping silently he must,
As he felt on his toes the grass that was wet,
He thought, it's lucky we don't have a dog for a
pet.

Tortured by the smells of the first village,
He thought of a lovely girl names Midge,
And when Noah Barleywater came to the second,
He saw an apple tree and felt like he was being
beckoned,
So he grabbed some apples off the tree,
And they said 'please don't eat me'.

He ran as fast as he could go,
As fast as a leopard in the snow,
He came to a stop when he saw a tree,
As beautiful as any tree could be,
And behind it was building with no lock,
Inside it was a talking clock.

'THUD' someone coming down the stairs,
And down came someone with puppets of bears,
Noah sat down as far away as he could be,
"Hello," said the old man "And who may you be?"
"I'm Noah," he said, confused,

He hoped the old man would have lunch, he
wouldn't refuse.

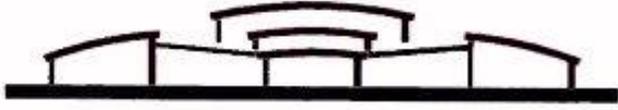
"Come upstairs" said the old man, "Have a drink."
"Of course I will" Noah exclaimed with a wink,
"So how did you come here?"
"Well I ran away from where there's deer",
"Did you run as fast as I could?"
"How fast did you run?"
"Now let me tell you a story of fetching a journal
and a gun."

"Once I met the Queen,
She seemed quite keen,
For me to run there and back,
With a child on my back.
Though I managed it, somehow,
To Scotland but I don't know how."

"Wow that's an amazing story,
Wow that's a wonderful story,
Do you have any more?
They'll never be a bore."
"Well, I do have another,
And I suppose you'll not want any other."

By Juliet





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Mrs Coleman,
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Dear Mrs Coleman,

I am writing this letter to tell you about a story. The book is called Noah Barleywater Runs Away. We have read it all and were about to write about what happened. I really enjoyed this book because it was very adventurous. It is a great book to read and is quite interesting. We have been reading it in English.

One night Noah had a plan to run away from home. He snuck down the stairs and walked out the door and said goodbye to his home. Not long after, he found a village and he was starting to feel very hungry. He carried on walking, but all of a sudden he saw an apple tree. He walked up to it and grabbed three apples then ran into the distance. Noah found another village but he lost all his apples. Then a man with a newspaper recognised Noah and said, "that is the apple thief." Noah ran and found a third village.

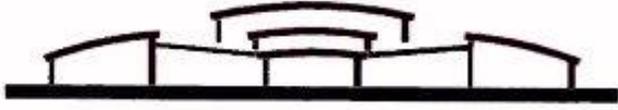
He met a dog and a hungry donkey. They told him there was a toy shop. Noah walked in and the walls were filled with puppets. He then met a friendly, old man who owned the toy shop. They started to chat and the old man was an amazing athlete when he was young. Noah's mum was about to die. They went on a walk around the village and Noah went back home. When he got home his dad saw him and said his mum was about to die. Ten years later when his mum was dead on his eighteenth birthday Noah decided to work at the toy shop. The man had died but he had turned into Pinocchio but somehow there was a puppet which he had not seen when he went there but then it disappeared.

Your sincerely Luke.



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One night, before the sun rose,
he stepped into some clean clothes.
Noah crept down the creaky stairs,
for a great new beginning and was going to be as
brave as a bee.

He stepped out of the front door,
And said goodbye to his home.
Just as the sun rose,
He found a village as pretty as a rose.

He then found an apple tree,
That had some juicy apples.
All he took was three and there was a crunch as
he bit one,
But there was no more on the tree.

He carried on to another village,
Where he found a strange looking tree.
He then found a dog and donkey,
And had a chat about the village.

Noah then found a nice toy shop,
And really wanted to go in.
Eventually, he stepped inside,
Then met an old toymaker.

The toy shop had lots of puppets,

And was very quiet.
The puppets then started creeping towards
Noah,
All he could hear was muttering.

The man asked Noah if he wanted food,
He said yes and the man took him upstairs.
Once they had finished the man took a puppet
called
Mrs Shield who was one his teachers.

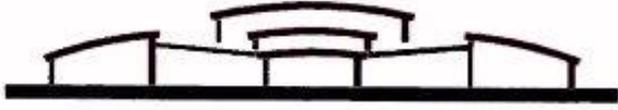
After, they talked about the old man being an
amazing athlete,
And about a race in his class.
The old man won by a long distance
But then got took on a bit of a journey.

He took the prince up to Scotland,
And then he became the fastest runner.
Noah's mum was very ill,
And Noah's dad was very sad.

At the end of the story the old man broke a
promise,
Then his dad came ill when he was out.

By Luke





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13 boiled sweet'
Candyfloss,
Chocolate,
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Wednesday 23rd October 2019

Mrs Coleman,
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Dear Mrs Coleman,

I am Mia Price. I am writing to tell you about the excellent book our class has read .I am also writing to tell you what other people think about it. Our class book is called 'Noah Barley-water runs away'. It is about an eight year old boy who runs away from home. He does this because he is frightened of seeing his mother die.

Noah is an eight year old who hasn't done anything with his life. So he runs away and tries to hide the real reason why he is running away: his mother is acting strange and she is ill. Noah runs away to a village where there is a living apple tree (it walks and whispers). Noah steals apples from the tree and ended up in a village newspaper. Noah travels to another village where he sees a toy shop and he goes into it and sees hundreds of puppets lining the shelves. An old man, who owns the shop and the puppets, invites Noah upstairs were they become great friends and they have a talk for hours. Noah goes back home but sadly his mother dies. Ten years later, Noah inherits the toy shop and finds out that the old man was Pinocchio. I really hope I can persuade you to read ' Noah Barley-water runs away'. It is a really wonderful book.

Ashleigh Meek says "It is good"

Bob says "terrific."

Lola Tarrant says "It is interesting and magical."

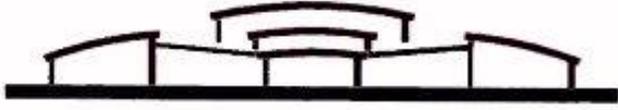
Most people in our class would agree that Noah Barley-water is an amazing story. I would rate it five stars

Yours sincerely Mia



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It started on a bright Tuesday morning,
When Mrs shields asked about their adult's jobs,
And what they wanted their future to bring'
"I would like to be a footballer," said Mathew Heading.

Suddenly, It's the old man's opportunity to tell them about his dad
He hesitates "hmm, my poppa makes toys for girls and boys."
He says "But I've never had a mother please don't tease me it's not bad
I've always just had my poppa and me in our toy shop by the tree

At break Toby Lovely kicks old man and now everyone sees babies fighting
Toby shouts "I'm better than you and you don't have a mum!"
Old man shouts now loud and clear "oh no, you're not," and now they're biting
"I could beat you in a race ,Baby face."

A teacher walks into the playground "Then you can have a race."
"If you can bring me back an apple from that tree ."
I'll be impressed if you both set a fast pace."
They agreed "that tree is half a mile away" the old man thought

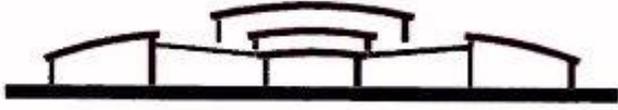
They ran off down the hill with the old man in the lead
He was first to get to the apple tree
He was first to succeed and
He won but he was still bullied again

By Mia



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Wednesday 23rd October 2019

Mrs Coleman,
Mrs Coleman's office,
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Dear Mrs Coleman,

I am writing to inform you about a (wonderful, surprising) book called Noah Barleywater runs away. It is based on Pinocchio, which is also a very good story, and is like the second book of it. You do not notice this until the end of the book. But beware, it is very emotional and could make you cry. It is amazing. I hope you read it.

This book is about a little boy who runs away even though his mother is dying. It is a very sad story so keep a tissue nearby when you read it. Noah runs away very early in the morning and kept walking until he got to the 1st village. He was very hungry so he took 3 apples from a tree despite it moving away. Later in the book, when he checked his hands and pockets they were gone. When he reached the second village, someone recognised him from the newspaper so he ran out of that village. After a long walk he entered the third village. The first thing that caught his eye was a tree in front of a funny shaped building. It was only when a dachshund and a hungry donkey turned up he realised how long it had been. They talked for a while until the dachshund decided it time for him to go. He found himself walking into the building, which turned out to be a toy shop full of wooden toys, and meeting an old man who gave him some food to eat. As they chatted Noah started to realise he had to go home.

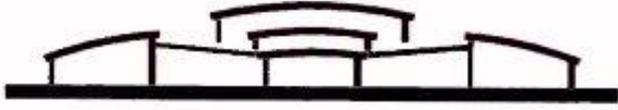
As you can see there is a lot going on in this book. It is full of surprises and makes you want to read more. Something I thought was very creative was that the story ended on a cliff hanger. I think John Boyne, who is the author, is very talented and imaginative. I am sure you will agree after reading Noah Barleywater Runs Away.

Yours sincerely, Izzy.



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Noah Barleywater Runs Away

There was a little boy,
called Noah Barleywater,
That if you compared to his cousin, Mark,
was sure to be much shorter.

One night he ran away,
to a village, close to home,
With lots of happy memories,
free in his head to roam.

He wanted food,
he was as hungry as could be,
Today was his lucky day,
there was an apple tree.

He took three apples from the tree,
despite it fighting back,
But when he checked his pockets they were gone,
he should have brought a backpack.

As he wondered to the 2nd village,
someone shouted out aloud,
“Hey there’s that boy,
who’s so horrid he makes me frown!”

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