A note from Lemn Sissay
Letterbox Club Patron

Five thousand four hundred and seventy five days, which is one hundred and thirty one thousand four hundred hours, which is seven million eight hundred and eighty four thousand minutes. And that is fifteen years. Fifteen whole wonderful years of the Letterbox Club.

Those are not the only giant numbers. There’s the amount of young people that have received Letterbox Club parcels. Thousands. Then there’s the amount of people who work with BookTrust to make the Letterbox Club happen every year. Hundreds.

And all this for one single idea from one woman in Leicester called Rose: ‘Each child receives their own colourful Letterbox Club parcel full of books, maths games, stationery and other high-quality materials once every month for six months, usually from May to October.’ What a beautiful wonderful idea. Maths! Add up all the words in these three paragraphs and then divide by ten. What is the number?

Lemn Sissay MBE
Poet, playwright and Letterbox Club Patron.
Maths jokes

Why is 6 afraid of 7?
Because 7 ate 9!

Roni-Rose, aged 6

Which capital is the fastest growing?
Dublin! (doubling)

George and Sharon, Kent

Animal jokes

Two fish in a tank, one says:
How do you drive this thing?

Lewis, aged 8

Where do baby apes sleep?
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James
Why did the bear have no shoes?
Because he has bear feet.
Harry, aged 9, London

What is a crocodile’s favourite game?
Snap!
Keydon, aged 8, Bolton

What’s grey and wobbly?
A jellyphant!
Mia, aged 6, Bolton

What do you call a donkey with three legs?
Wonkey.
Year 2 children, Leicestershire
Why do bees have sticky hair?
Because they use honeycombs!
Lucy, Southampton

Which animal is the strongest?
A snail – it carries its whole house on its back!
Tiffany, aged 11

I have a grey-and-white cat called Jacob.
His favourite joke is:
What’s my favourite colour?
PURRRRRPLE!
Jacqueline Wilson,
Author and Letterbox Club Patron

What’s brown and sticky?
A stick.
Alison Larkins,
Bedford Virtual School

What’s pink and fluffy?
Pink fluff.
What’s blue and fluffy?
Pink fluff holding its breath.
Rose Griffiths, Founder of the Letterbox Club
Knock-knock jokes

Knock, knock! Who’s there? Lettuce. Lettuce who? Lettuce in, it’s cold out here!
Dan, foster carer, Kent

Knock, knock! Who’s there? Britney Spears. Britney Spears who? Knock, knock! – Oops! I did it again!
Madison, aged 9, Kent

Knock, knock! Who’s there? Interrupting parrot! Interrupting par ... SQUAWWWKKKK!
Cathy, Darlington

Knock, knock! Who’s there? Isabelle. Isabelle who? Isabelle necessary on a bicycle?
Nick Sharratt, Author and Illustrator

**Food jokes**

What’s the best cheese to hide a horse? Mascarpone!

Katie, aged 8, Conwy

What did one cheese say to the other cheese? Hallo-umi!

Chloe

What’s yellow and goes round and round? A banana in a washing machine!

Julie, foster carer, Gateshead

What do you call cheese that isn’t yours? Nacho cheese!

Harry, aged 8, Dudley

Why did the cookie go to the hospital? Because it was feeling crumby!

Owen, aged 7, Bedfordshire
How do you make toast in the jungle?
Put it under a gorilla!

Tyler, aged 8, Kent

Who is Snow White’s brother?
Egg White! Get the yolk?

Anna, aged 11, Lancashire

Why did the boy throw butter out the window?
Because he wanted to see a butterfly!

Adam, Kent

What fruit grows on telegraph wires?
Electric currants!

Sue Shephard, West Berkshire Virtual School
Why did the cow cross the road?
To get to the udder side!
Rhiannon, aged 11, Bedfordshire

Why did the dinosaur cross the road?
The chicken wasn’t around yet.
Isabel, Reading

Why did the frogs cross the road?
To get a croak-a-cola.
Jacob, aged 8

What do you get if you cross a giraffe and a hedgehog?
A 6-foot toothbrush!
Harry, aged 8

What do you get if you cross a shark with a snowman?
Frostbite!
Liam, aged 9, Barnsley
What do you get if you cross a sheep and a kangaroo?
A woolly jumper!
Sarah, aged 11, Brighton

What do you get if you cross a stereo with a fridge?
Cool music.
George and Sharon, Kent

Why did the golfer wear two pairs of trousers?
In case he got a hole in one.
Kai, aged 6

Why did the banana go to the doctor’s?
Because he wasn’t peeling very well.
Logan

Why did the golfer wear two pairs of trousers?
Why did the runner stop listening to music?
Because she broke too many records!

George, Kent

Why did the surfer stop surfing?
Because the sea weed!

Jaiden, Kent

What did the pencil say to the other pencil?
You’re looking sharp!

Amy, Darlington

What did the early worm say to the late worm?
Where on earth have you been?

Year 2 children, Leicestershire
What do you call a woman with two toilets on her head?
Loulou!
Oliver, aged 7, Sheffield

What do you call a deer with no eyes?
No idea!
Briony, Carmarthenshire

What do you do with a green dinosaur?
Wait till it ripens.
Tiffany, aged 11

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Who does grandad call in an emergency? Grandma, grandma, grandma*

*Grandma in Welsh is ‘nain’, which is pronounced ‘nine’. Get it?!
Rachel, Caerdydd

What do dogs eat at the cinema?
Pup-corn.
Georgia, aged 7

What do you do with a green dinosaur? Wait till it ripens.
What is a dentist’s favourite time?
Tooth-hurty!
Andrew, Coventry Virtual School

What did one angel say to the other angel?
Halo!
Sue, foster carer, Kent

UFO
The spaceship is as big as my dad’s belly
It’s blue, purple, pink and green
It flies as fast as a cheetah
A racing car, a train, a solar-powered bus
Look out, we’ve seen it – it’s there
Aliens, tall as the Empire State building
They’re yellow, lilac, green and red
They shout, beep, bop, scream
Squeal, pop, sing and fizz
Look out, we’ve heard them, they’re there
We got Damien to talk to them
He said ‘………………………………………………………..’
The aliens flew away
We hoovered the aliens up
They fell out
We showed them a sign
The Earth is shut for aliens – Goodbye!

Thanks to Letterbox Club members in Lancashire who wrote this poem as part of a workshop with children’s poet David Harmer.
What Letterbox Club members say about their parcels ...

‘I loved all the books and all the exciting activities. You have really took my mind off my problems.’

Aaliyah

‘I and my foster carer love Letterbox.’

Kanish

‘Damon enjoyed the maths bingo – wanting to play with everyone who came to the house.’

A carer

‘I like receiving the parcels as they make me feel happy. I like the games and puzzles and do them with the family.’

Caleb
I was really happy when you sent me the parcel and so far I have read Hilo: the Boy Who Crashed to Earth... I didn’t want to put it down.

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Laila

I like Guinness World records 2018 because it has super heroes and funny people in it. Sony lovely is the best more brilliant and I would like to read it again. I say you won’t tell about the book because the long styles that I looked particularly long and awful...

Ruby

I enjoyed the books very much, especially The Demon Dinner Lady.

Kane

It was the best book I ever received in my whole life.

Ruby

Thank you for my book. Tim_DM, I really enjoy it here is a few goods. Did you know that in 10 December day, Februry 19th is grandad day and October 2nd is Cousin day!}

Laila
A message from BookTrust

BookTrust is dedicated to getting children reading. Every year, thousands of colourful, personalised Letterbox Club parcels are sent to children across the UK, containing books, number games, stationery and more.

We are so grateful to everyone involved, helping us ensure that the Letterbox Club continues to support more children than ever.

To celebrate the programme’s 15th anniversary, Letterbox Club members have sent us their favourite jokes. We hope you enjoy them!

Diana Gerald,
CEO, BookTrust

Thanks to everyone who’s helped celebrate the Letterbox Club by contributing to this joke book!

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Jersey

I loved all of the jokes and it helped me with my maths and reading please on the year 2018 send me some more thanks

Diana Gerald,
CEO, BookTrust

The Bumblebear

To celebrate 15 years of the Letterbox Club, children and young people from all over the country have sent in their favourite jokes to get you giggling!

Find out more at booktrust.org.uk/letterbox-club

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