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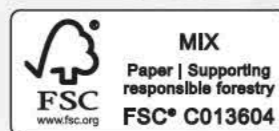
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## MEL TAYLOR-BESSENT





TO LILY,  
RILEY'S FIRST READER



# ABOUT ME:

NAME: Riley Olivia Wright



AGE: 8 (nearly 9!)



# LIKES

★ UNIPUGS! ★

Sparkly pens and fluffy notebooks

Hot chocolate with cream and marshmallows (and sprinkles if I'm feeling really fancy)

Bright white trainers with rainbow laces

(although they don't stay white for long)

LOTS of bubbles in a bubble bath

Cheesy pasta

Dance parties in the kitchen

Annoying my big brother Ryan

**EXTRA LARGE**

bags of salt and vinegar crisps

Writing in my diary because it's secret and fun and I have LOTS to say!!

# DISLIKES

Wet play

Looooooooooooong assemblies

Brushing knots out of my hair

WHY SO PAINFUL?

When Dad embarrasses me (this happens A LOT!)

When Mum forces me to be in a photo (this also happens A LOT!)

When Ryan pushes me out of my spot on the sofa (this happens more than I'd like)

Going bright red because I've done something wrong (this happens A SILLY AMOUNT!)



I'M NOT BEING FUNNY, but have you ever seen your head teacher take the bins out as soon as the sun comes up, in their tatty, too-small dressing gown and ugly superhero slippers? It's like seeing a giraffe skateboard into school. WEIRD ON EVERY LEVEL!!!!

It's even worse when your head teacher has overpowering coffee breath, chants a cheery, 'Good moooooorning, neighbour!' like they're permanently stuck on school-assembly mode – and they're . . . *your dad.*

I know, right?

**CRINGE.**

DON'T GET ME WRONG, Dad's all right *sometimes*.

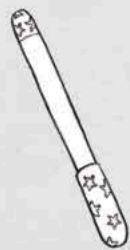


- He buys me ALL the notebooks and pens I want. All I have to do is mention the words 'new school project' and he races to his laptop like there's a flash sale at BoringShirtsAndTies.com and orders me anything with a twenty per cent off sticker. A girl can never have enough notebooks and pens, right!?



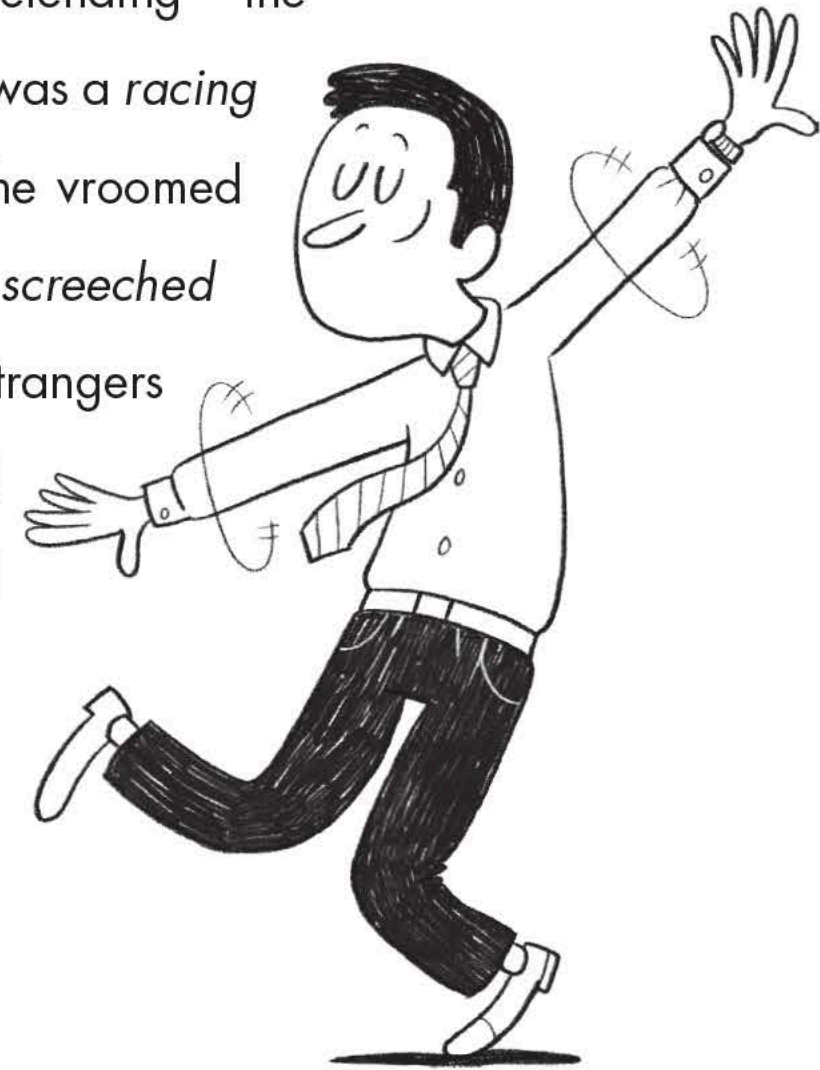
- Dad also works a lot. So I get way more TV time than he knows about.

- And at weekends, he makes the tastiest tomato pasta with three different cheeses and not a vegetable in sight. Result!



But don't be fooled by my dad's love of dairy and a big online discount. When it comes to being a totally embarrassing, forever-annoying parent, he's the MASTER.

Just yesterday, he charged around the supermarket pretending the shopping trolley was a racing car. Every time he vroomed down an aisle or screeched round a corner, strangers would point and snigger or pull their phone out to film him, and I wanted the ground



to SWALLOW ME UP. Then, this morning, I caught him dancing to Taylor Swift in the kitchen. He was all wiggly hips and helicopter arms, and I didn't know whether to cry or throw up. I settled with a loud **GROOOAN** as I swiped a box of Cloud Puffs from the cupboard and ran back to my room. No one needs to see that before 9 a.m.



YOU'LL NEVER BELIEVE THIS, BUT THINGS ARE ABOUT TO GET EVEN. MORE. AWKWARD.

Starting next week, Dad and I will be joining Heverton Junior School. I'll be in Year 4. Dad will be the head teacher. And I have to make sure he does not embarrass me!!!!

Here's *everything* I plan to do to fit in:

- Find a new BFF (we moved house at the start of the summer holidays).\*
- Impress the teachers by always being on time, having the neatest workbooks, and never forgetting my PE kit.

- Not get lost in the school corridors.
- Get zero scuff marks on my sparkly new school bag.
- Avoid being seen with Dad (at least for the first few weeks). It was fine when I was younger, but now people go all weird the instant I tell them I'm the head teacher's daughter, so my plan is to BLEND IN.

\*I've barely spoken to Lola, Logan and Valle all summer, but I grew up with them and they're used to my clumsy, forgetful ways. They've also learned to like Dad's embarrassing sense of humour. They always called him the funniest teacher at St Jude's - but I'm not going to be at St Jude's any more, and Dad's not a typical teacher. I've got to do everything RIGHT if I want to fit in.

I promise to let you know how it goes. I'll write in you EVERY SINGLE DAY. You won't miss a moment of the action.

**ARE YOU READY?**

**Let's go . . .**

