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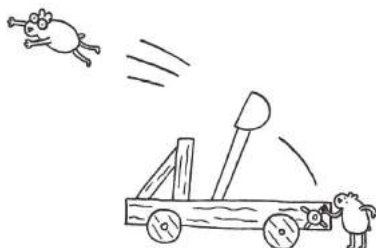
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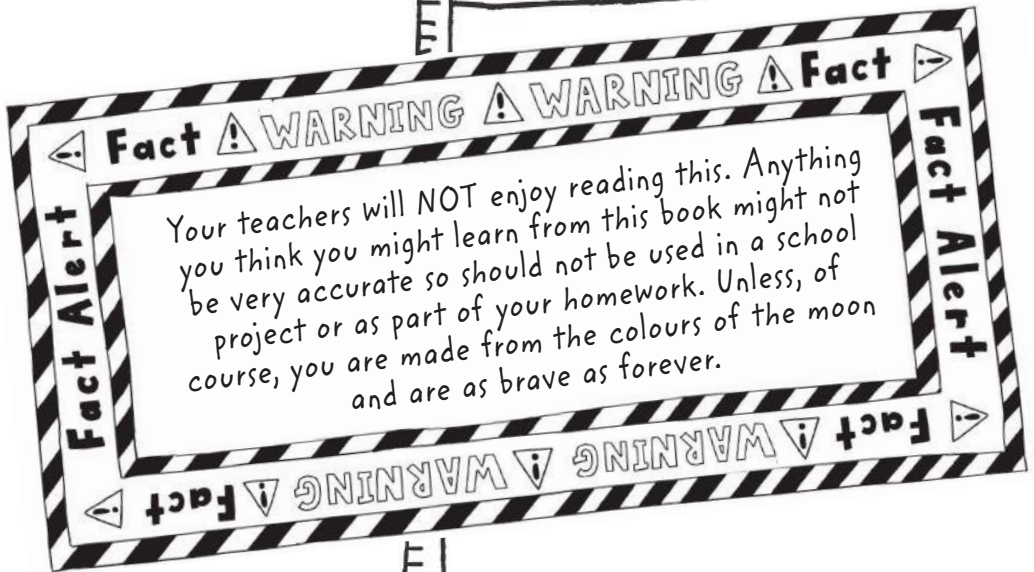


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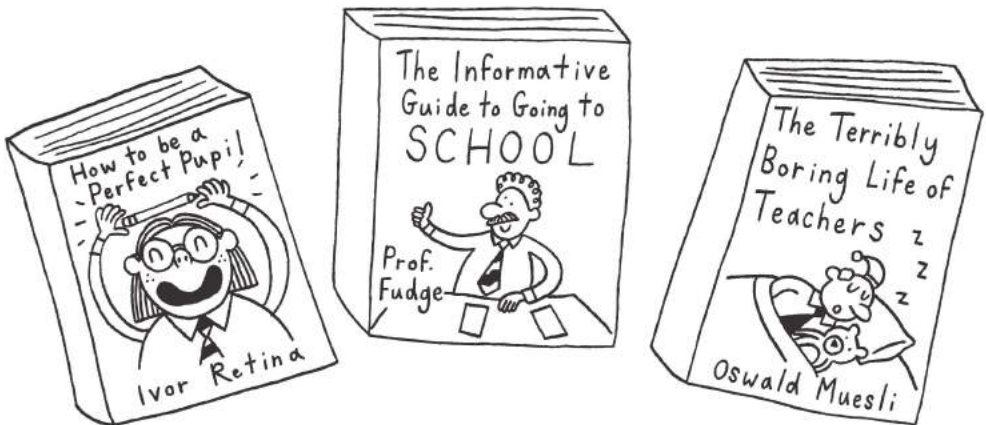
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before you
dare go any
further ...



WHAT SORT OF BOOK IS THIS?

This is not a fact book as such.
You won't find much practical
information in here.

If you're looking for **proper** educational stuff about **teachers** and **school** then put this book down immediately and run away screaming. If it's **practical** information you really want, I can recommend the following books:



This book is for four types of people:

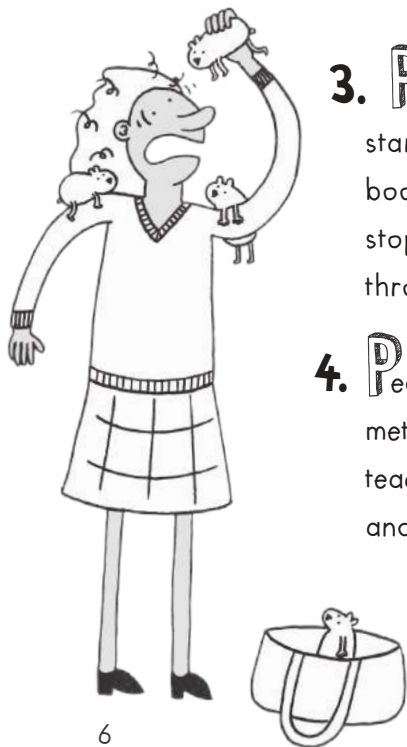
1. **P**eople who go to some sort of school and like reading about how funny and ridiculous teachers are.
2. **P**eople who used to go to school and were so scarred by the experience that they still have nightmares. This book might help.

OR MAKE IT WORSE.

3. **P**eople who are about to go to school, or start a new school, for the **first time**. This book will help you work out what to expect and stop your knees knocking together as you walk through the door.

4. **P**eople who have never been to school, never met a teacher, don't care a rotten banana about teachers but like laughing until their ears go blue and their wellies fly off.

There is only one category of people who should **NOT** read this book. That is ... **TEACHERS!**



If you see a teacher reading this book, point to the middle distance and yell, 'Look! Bears are attacking!' and **steal** the book from them while they're looking the other way. Teachers must **not** be allowed to read this book under any circumstances.

you don't read this book like a **normal book**, by starting on page 1 and then reading all the other pages in the right order.

BORING!

you can read this book forwards, backwards, sideways, upwards, downwards, wearing a **banana suit** and in approximately **65,537** different ways. To choose a path just turn to the page the signpost says.

Some pages have '**back**' signposts, which tell you how to get back to where you came from.

Sometimes there is more than one way to get to that page. When this happens you can either choose to go back to where you actually came from or go back to somewhere you've never been before.



How often do you
get to do that?

This book will make you laugh about how funny teachers can be until snot comes out of your nose. It will also help you to understand these strange creatures and their natural habitat: **school.**

Most teachers live in **strange buildings** where everything is labelled, bells go off at specific times and there are **rules** that don't exist anywhere else in the universe, like:

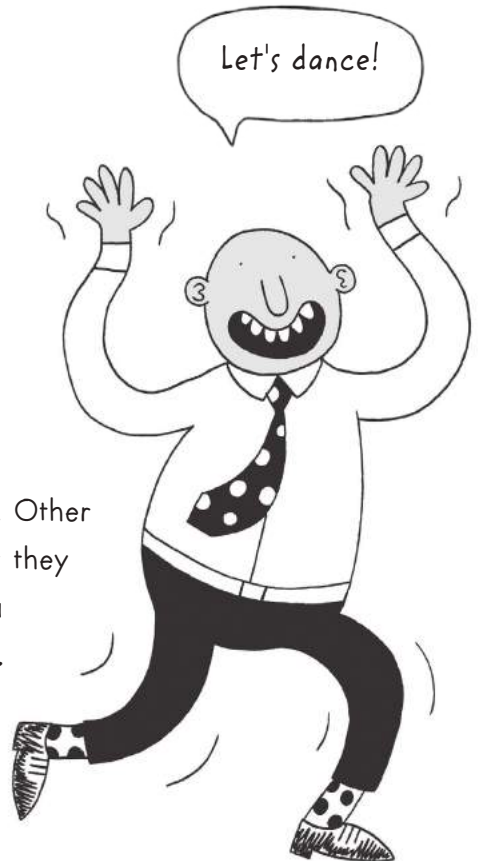
Don't run in the corridors

Sit on your bottoms

*Don't lick other people's faces**

Some teachers seem quite friendly but then write all over your work in **red pen.** Other teachers spend most of their time staring out the window and you have to give them a nudge and remind them to teach you. Other teachers are **so wonderful** that they will change your life – and then do a weird dance that makes you feel sick.

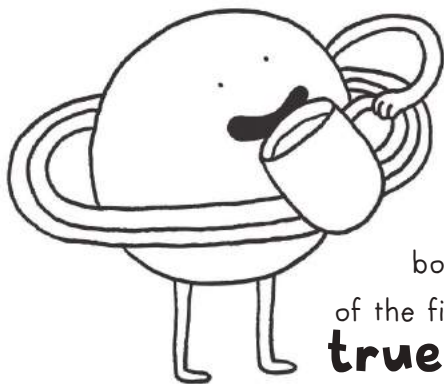
*Generally speaking it's not a good idea to lick anyone's face out of school either – unless they have chocolate on their cheeks.



A warning about facts

Occasionally, this book will give you some **actual facts**.

Recorders are a really popular instrument in schools. Go online and you will discover that the Internet agrees with this. But is it really true?



You have to be **careful** with facts. Facts change all the time. In twenty years' time when you give this book to your own children, half of the facts in this book will be **wrong**. However, all of the fictional things in this book will still be **true** until the rings of Saturn come round to your house for a cup of tea.

Beginning page

Congratulations on making it to the beginning of the book. Some people don't make it this far without stubbing their toe.

Decide which page you would like to start with.

Remember: there is no right or wrong way to read this book!



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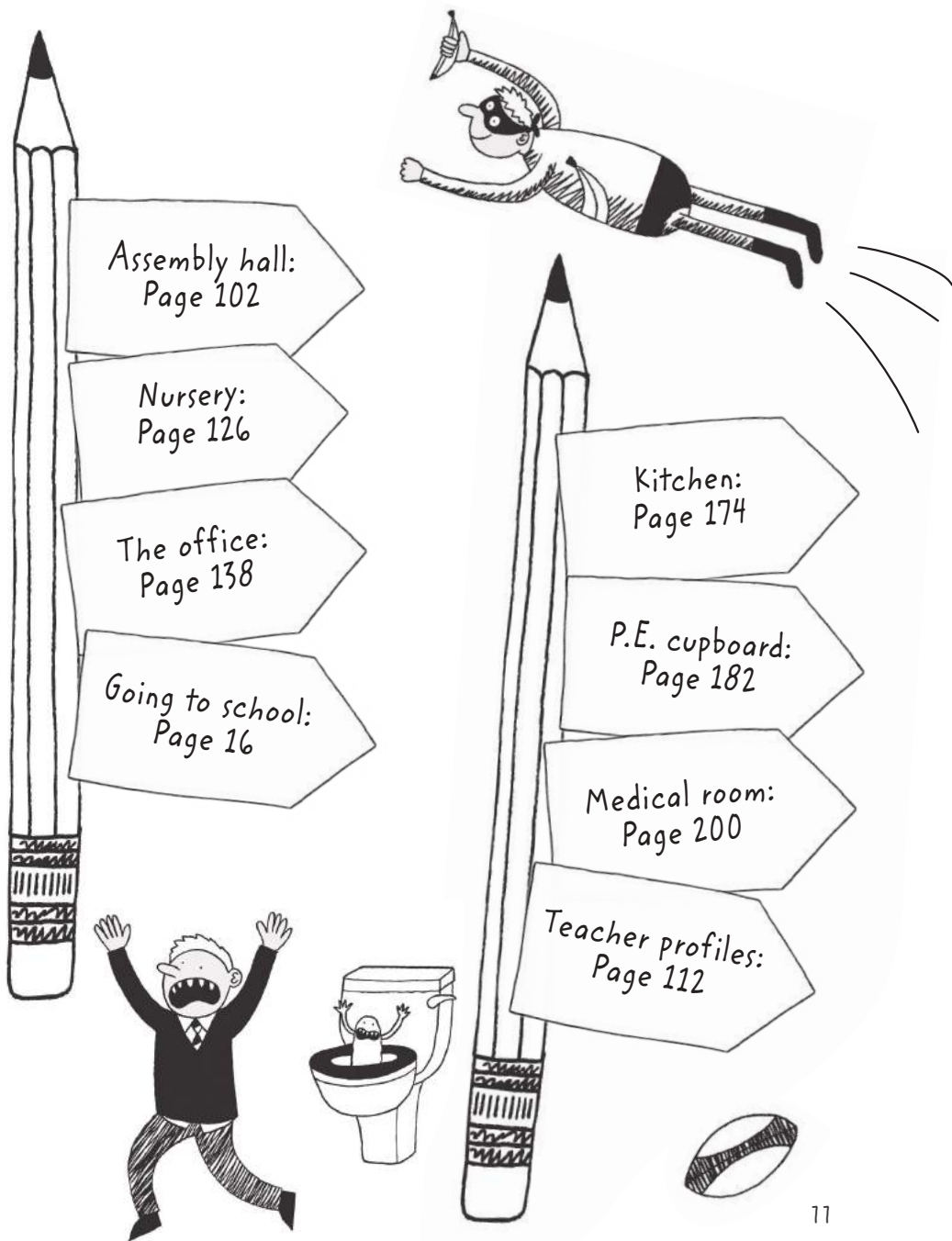
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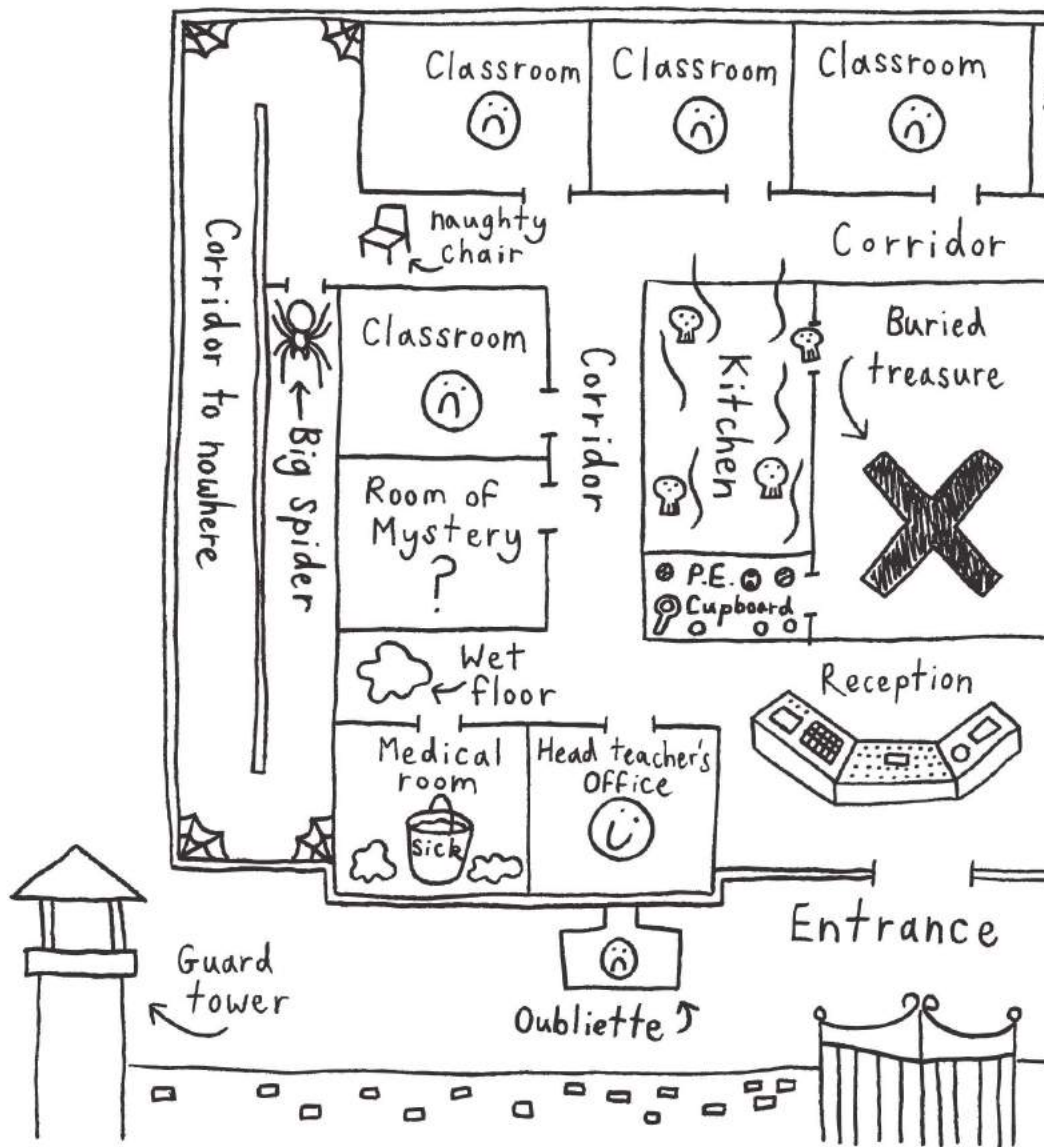


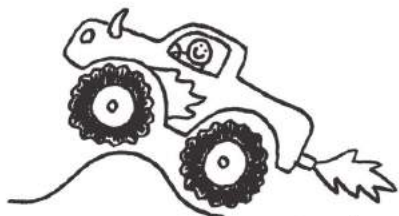


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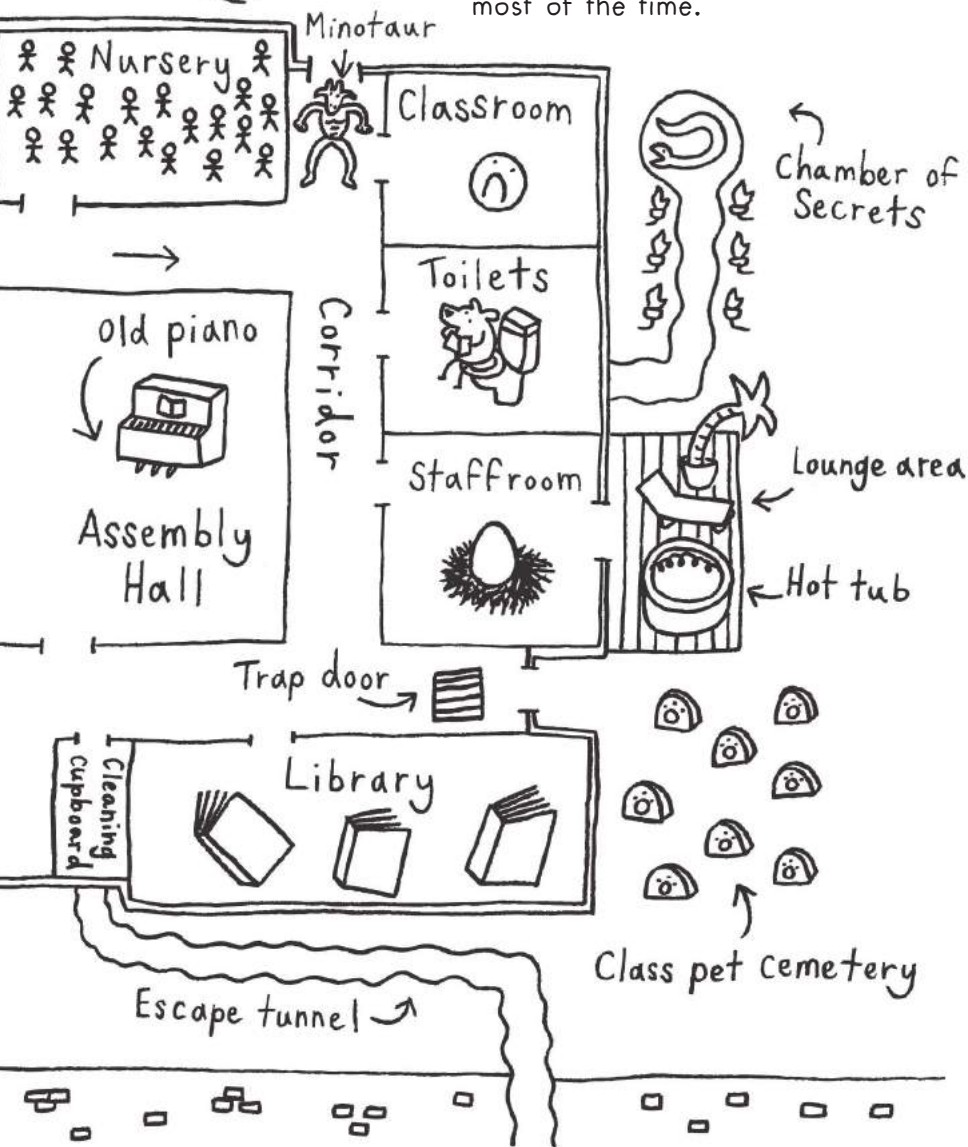


Playground





Here is a map of a school I have made up. Schools are the natural habitat of teachers and are where you will find them most of the time.





Different types of teacher and where to find them

There are many different types of teacher.

Some are very **thin** and some are

very **wide**. Some have

recently arrived from another planet and want you to take them to your leader. Then you

find out that they are your

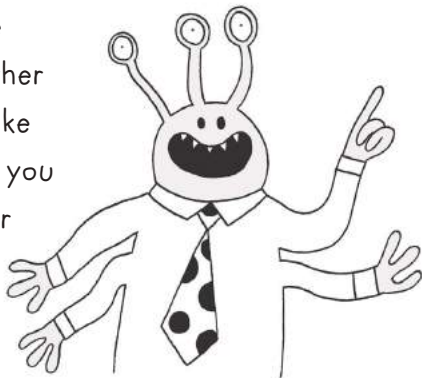
leader and you

have to take them to themselves, which can

be very confusing -

especially when you're

in the middle of trying to finish a history project.



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The natural habitat of teachers is a **school**.

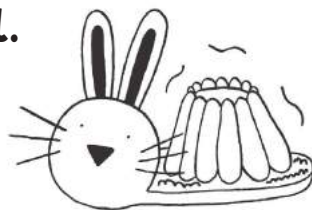
Some schools are for tiny children, others are for **huge** children. Some are for children with jelly in their slippers. Others are for children with six legs. Oh no. Hang on, I'm thinking of ants.



Forest schools:
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The buildings are **different** too.

Some are brand new and it feels like you're in an airport. Others are old and have been there for hundreds of years. The walls are made of stone and you feel a bit like you're in a church. Some schools are **cosy and warm**. Other schools are outside! Most schools are places you go to in the morning and leave at the end of the afternoon. Other schools have bedrooms and you stay over night with loads of other children.



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