

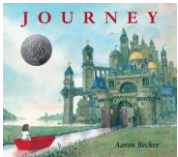


20<sup>th</sup> January 2023

Dear Parent / Carer

As a school, we endeavour to inspire our children to develop a passion for literature, both in reading and writing. Book Week is an annual event organised to provide children with rich, stimulating experiences to support that awareness and enjoyment. We know their engagement and interest in the world of books has a direct effect upon progress in all areas of the curriculum and is crucial to the development of our children's self-confidence and motivation.

This year, we are hoping to build upon their enthusiasm for exploring literature and discovering new texts. Each year group is drawing inspiration from a broad range of sources to support their writing.

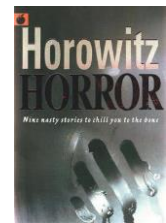


**Year Three** – *Journey*

**Year Four** – *Escape from Pompeii*

**Year Five** – *Stories for Young Children*

**Year Six** – *Scared*



## SPONSORED EVENT

Each year this very popular event raises funds for the library. We have an extensive, fully computerised library resource within the school, which issues more than 1000 books per week and is visited by every child in the school. Unfortunately, its success does create problems with wear and tear on our present stock, as well as the requirement for us to maintain a wide selection of books that children will enjoy and which will encourage them to read.

This year, we hope that the children will be sponsored to create a 'Reading River', beginning on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February. Children will be challenged to get as far along the *Reading River* as they can, by writing *anything* they read in the stepping stones and lily pads. This activity will promote reading for pleasure and for different purposes, opening children's eyes to the vast range of contexts where reading is useful and enjoyable. It will also support them in making cross-curricular links.

The sponsorship form is included with this letter and should be completed and brought to school on the first day of the challenge. On completion of the challenge, the verified form will be sent home for pupils, *(if they are able)* to collect sponsorship money, which should be handed in to their class teacher by Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February. We would emphasise that your support for this event is purely voluntary.

## **BOOK FAIR: Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February – Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February (15:25 – 16:00)**

We will be holding this year's Book Fair in the Duloe Room (external door near Year Six) from Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February to Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February. You will find an extensive range of children's books, from picture books and novels to graphic novels and non-fiction. Please come along and explore the selection!

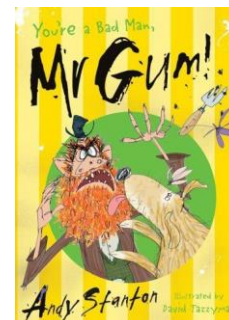
### **Payment**

**Cash, card or cheques** can be used to buy books. Please make cheques payable to 'Crosshall Junior School'.

If demand for particular titles exceeds supply, orders can be taken. Payment must be made with orders. Ordered books may not be delivered until after half term.

## **AUTHOR VISIT: Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February**

This year, Crosshall Junior School will be visited by none other than Andy Stanton, author of the well-known book series *Mr Gum*. During the visit, Andy will talk about what it's like to be an author, discuss his books, and answer any questions the students may have. This experience will provide valuable insights into the life of an author, which we hope will inspire the children's own reading, writing and creative journeys. Andy will bring 30 signed copies of one of his books. These will be available on a first come, first served basis after school in the Duloe Room, with the Book Fair.



## **LIBRARY COMPETITION**

During their weekly library session, children will also be challenged to name the popular children's authors around the library by identifying pictures of their famous characters... However, the characters will be disguised in some way! Can they name every author and complete the challenge?

## **BOOK SWAP: Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February**

For the very first time, Crosshall Junior School will be hosting a Book Swap. After school on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February, families are invited to bring a book (or a couple) they have already read to exchange for a book which another family has brought. Books will be placed on a table under the Year Five canopy in the playground to add to, browse and take from. If a family does not have any books they wish to swap but would like more reading material to own at home, they are encouraged to give a donation to the school in exchange for a book. If it is successful, we would love to run a Book Swap every month to ensure all our children have access to engaging, high-quality texts at home. We look forward to seeing you!

## **FANCY DRESS DAY: Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February**

Wear a word! On the last day of the week, we are inviting the children to wear a costume related to a word; this could be an adjective (e.g. 'shiny', 'green', 'creative'), a noun (e.g. 'dictionary', 'banana', 'duck') or even a verb (e.g. 'swim', 'fly', 'grow'). The costume can be as simple or as complex and creative as they like. We encourage parents and carers not to purchase anything specific for this activity, as it is a challenge for the children to be imaginative with what they already have at home. Please also support your child in choosing a school-appropriate costume.

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