



13th October 2023

Dear Parent / Carer

## Crosshall Junior School Book Week

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 by studying the same stimulus across the school.

All year groups are drawing their Book Week inspiration from *Coming to England* by Floella Benjamin. We are utilising both the picture book version and the longer narrative version, exploring and engaging with the text and its themes through drama, art, reading and writing.

In addition, there will be books on tour, mystery readers and all sorts of fun activities taking place over the course of the week.

## 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 almost 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.

Floella and her family travelled 6990 km, or 4334 miles, in their journey to England. This year, we hope the children will be sponsored to participate in a walk, jog, or run beginning on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October. The aim is that by the end of the week, across the whole school, we will have walked, jogged and/or run that same distance.

The sponsorship form is available [HERE](#) and should be completed and brought to school on the first day of the challenge (**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October**). 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> November**. We would emphasise that your support for this event is purely voluntary.

## BOOK FAIR: Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November – Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November (15:25 – 16:00)

We will be holding this year's Book Fair in the Small Hall from Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November to Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November. 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: Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November

This year, Crosshall Junior School will be visited by the fabulous Jack Meggitt-Phillips, an author, scriptwriter and playwright whose work has been performed at The Roundhouse and featured on Radio 4. During the visit, Jack will talk about what it is 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. Jack will bring 30 signed copies of his books. These will be available on a first come, first served basis after school with the Book Fair.



### LIBRARY COMPETITION

During their weekly library session, children will be challenged to identify the staff member and the book setting from obscured pictures placed around the room. Can they name every staff member and complete the challenge?

### AT HOME COMPETITION

Between today and Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November, children are invited to design, draw and write a postcard from anywhere. This could be a real place or a fictional setting – they could even write it from a book character! A template is available, or children are welcome to be creative and design their own format. Entries should be handed in to class teachers. Prizes are available for the best examples.

### FANCY DRESS DAY: Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November

On the last day of the week, we are inviting the children to wear a costume from a book. This could be dressing as a character, a key object from a story, coming as the 'theme' of a book – be creative! 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.

As always, thank you for your support. We are looking forward to an excellent week centred around fostering a lifelong love of reading.

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