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Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March

Dear Parents and carers,

### **Bishop Road Reading Festival**

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March marks the beginning of the annual Bishop Road Reading Festival. As such, children across the school will be participating in activities and workshops designed to help them discover and celebrate reading. The Festival, as always, is a great opportunity to celebrate books in a way that encourages and supports reading for pleasure: something that is central to the curriculum at Bishop Road.

#### **Author Visits**

Children in every year group will be visited by an author during the Reading Festival. Individual letters have been sent out via email with details on how you can pre-order signed copies of books by the author visiting your child's year group.

#### **Reception – Kristina Stephenson**

On Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March, Reception will be visited by storyteller, author and puppeteer Kristina Stephenson. She will be talking to the children about her new book 'Museum of Marvellous Things' which is a joyful celebration of imagination and creativity.

#### **Year 1 and 2 – Pip Jones**

On Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March, Year 1 children will take part in an exciting assembly run by author Pip Jones. She has published many fabulous picture books including 'Izzy Gizmo' and 'Piggy Handsome'.

#### **Year 3 – Lee Newbery**

Lee Newbery will be joining Year 3s on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March to launch his debut novel 'The Last Firefox'. Year 3s at Bishop Road will be among the first children in the world to hear about this exciting story of adventure and bravery.

#### **Year 3 and 4 – J M Joseph**

On Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March, children in Years 3 and 4 will be joined by J M Joseph author of 'Fire Boy' a hair-raising and hilarious tale of treachery, circus tricks and some most unusual super powers.

#### **Year 5 and 6 – Ewa Jozefkowicz**

On Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March, Ewa Jozefkowicz – author of 'The Colour Thief' will be visiting Year 5 and 6 to talk about her newest book 'The Cooking Club Detectives'.



## Book Fair

After school on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March, The Yellow Lighted Bookshop will be holding a book fair where children can buy books written by all of our visiting authors from the Reading Festival week, as well as those who have visited earlier in the year. There will also be many more carefully selected titles for children to explore and enjoy.

## Book Character Dress Up Day

On Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March, we are inviting children to come to school dressed as their favourite character from a book. This will be a fantastic way to end our week and a great opportunity for children to share their favourite story with their class. The characters could be from any story they have enjoyed, be it a bedtime favourite, traditional tale or their current reading book.

## Bedtime Books

On Wednesday evening, Year 1 and 2 will be returning to school in their pyjamas for bedtime stories and hot chocolate. Staff and teachers from across the school will bring their favourite picture book to share with the children.

## The Reading Dog

This year will see the return of a reading dog at Bishop Road as we welcome Bear on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March. Year 2 classes will take it in turns over the following weeks to visit her and share their reading books.

We hope that the Reading Festival will be an exciting and enjoyable week for children across the school and a fantastic opportunity to encourage reading for pleasure and celebrate the love of stories that is central to our school.

Thank you again for your continued support and enthusiasm.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Purnell

Reading Co-lead

