

18th November 2019

Dear Parents

This term, the children in Reception have been telling stories, investigating what makes a great story and exploring characters, settings, traditional tales and favourite books. We have used actions, music, puppets and role play to immerse the children in all sorts of storytelling to support communication and language and develop a love of reading! The children in Year One and Year Two have also enjoyed listening to stories, and they have been exploring the use of story language in their own writing.

We are very excited to be able to offer your child a wonderful opportunity to meet a real life author who is going to come in to school to work with us and share their story writing talents. Simon James, author of 'Baby Brains' and many other fabulous stories, will visit us on Tuesday, 3rd December. During his workshop, he will be discussing how ideas develop into words and pictures, choosing words creatively and refining ideas. The workshops will also include story-telling and artwork using large images on screen of artwork from his books, and Simon will be demonstrating his drawing and painting techniques. We want the children to become excited and enthused about reading and writing, and we think this will be a fabulous enrichment experience! Simon will also be available at the end of the school day in The Qube for book signing if you would like to purchase one of his books for your child.

For the children to be involved in the workshops, we ask for a voluntary contribution of £2.50 towards the cost. The school is subsidising the visit by approximately half of the cost. Payments should be made by Friday, 29th November when a decision will be made on the viability of the visit. Children will not be treated differently according to whether or not their parents have made a voluntary contribution however the activity can only take place if there are sufficient voluntary contributions.

Payments can be made via our online payment system, www.schoolmoney.co.uk. You will receive a text message from School Money this afternoon setting out payment details. Should you be unable to access the School Money site, then payments can be made via the office using a credit or debit card. If the event does not take place, donations will be refunded.

Please complete and return the slip at the end of this letter to enable your child to take part in this activity.

Many thanks for your support

Yours sincerely

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The Willows, The Rowans & The Beeches – Author Visit, Tuesday, 3rd December 2019

Name of Child _____ Class _____

I would like my child to take part in this activity.

I am willing to make a voluntary contribution of **£2.50** and will make the payment on School Money.

Signed

Date