

Dear Parents and Carers

1st October 2024

On Friday, 11th October, children in Elm and Oak class will be visiting the Cheltenham Literature Festival. We will be leaving school via coach at around 9.15 a.m. and will return before the end of the school day.

The Cheltenham Literature Festival is an annual event, which celebrates reading and literature, and has a host of well-known and award-winning children's authors offering a range of talks, events and workshops.

This year, children in Elm class will be meeting the picturebook author and illustrator **Catherine Rayner**. Catherine will be showing us her sketchbook, sharing how she creates her illustrations, and we will even be able to join in with a live draw-along of some of her well-known characters.

Children in Oak class will be meeting **Jim Smith**, creator of *How to be a Genius Kid* and *Barry Loser*. Jim will be entertaining us with funny anecdotes and tales of how he comes up with jokes for his books, as well as live drawing demonstrations of how he creates his graphic novels.

We will also be able to experience some of the other events the festival has to offer, including storytelling, a mystery trail, and craft activities. Children will need to bring a drink, a packed lunch and a waterproof coat (children in receipt of pupil premium will have a lunch provided). It would be helpful if children could bring their belongings in a rucksack, to keep their hands free.

The cost of the trip is **£4.85** which includes travel to and from the Festival (our wonderful PTA has heavily subsidised this trip). *School will fund attendance for children who are registered for Free School Meals*. Please make payment through the ParentPay site.

Parental donations towards the cost of trips are voluntary. No child will be denied participation in any trip if it takes place, but the school reserves the right to cancel planned events if too few contributions are received. If you have concerns about finance, please feel free to talk to Miss Wilson in confidence.

If you are willing for your child to take part, please would you complete the attached form and return to the office. All necessary risk assessments regarding off- site visits have been carried out in accordance with the LA guidelines.

Yours sincerely,
Mrs Haines

CHELTENHAM LITERATURE FESTIVAL – FRIDAY 11TH OCTOBER 2024 – ELM & OAK CLASSES

Name..... Class

*I give permission for my child to visit the Cheltenham Literature Festival on 11th October 2024

*I have signed the off –site visits form for 2024-25

*I have paid via ParentPay £4.85

*Free School Meals

Signed.....(Parent/Carer) **Delete as applicable***