

Dear Parents and Carers

25th September 2023

On Tuesday 10th October, children in Elm and Oak will be visiting the Cheltenham Literature Festival. We will travel by coach, leaving school at around 9.30 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 one of the best-known figures in the children's book world; poet, author, and ex-Children's Laureate **Michael Rosen** (author of the classic picture book *We're Going on a Bear Hunt*, and the brilliant *Chocolate Cake* poem, among many others). He will be telling us about his new picture books *The Big Dreaming*, *I am Hungry*, and *Not-So-Little Red Riding Hood*, along with some poetry and humour.

Children in Oak class will be meeting Blue-Peter award winning author **Pamela Butchart**, author of the brilliant *Wigglesbottom Primary* and *Baby Aliens* series. Pamela will be sharing some of her funny stories, and helping the children come up with their own.

We will also be able to experience some of the other events the festival has to offer, including storytelling sessions for the younger pupils, and a mystery trail for Key Stage 2.

Children will need to bring a drink and a waterproof coat. It would be helpful if children could bring their belongings in a rucksack, to keep their hands free. A packed lunch will be provided for those children who would normally have a school lunch.

The cost of the trip is **£10.38** which includes travel to and from the Festival. *School will fund attendance for children who are registered for Free School Meals.* Please make payment through the P4S 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 – TUESDAY 10TH OCTOBER 2023 – ELM & OAK CLASSES

Name..... Class

*I give permission for my child to visit the Cheltenham Literature Festival on 10th October 2023

*I have signed the off –site visits form for 2023-24

*Payments4Schools reference..... £10.38

*Free School Meals

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