

4<sup>th</sup> October 2018

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!

Across the Learning Academy Partnership, the children in the Reception Classes have 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.

Dan Metcalf, author of the 'Lottie Lipton Investigates' series, will visit us first on Tuesday, 30<sup>th</sup> October to share his abilities, and set us a writing challenge! His workshops will encourage the children to use their imagination as we create our own stories. Dan will then use our ideas to write an original story and will come back to present it to us so that we can share it with the rest of the school and our families! We want the children to become excited and enthused about reading and writing, and think this is the perfect vehicle to showcase their skills!

For the children to be involved in the workshops, we ask for a voluntary contribution of £2.50 towards the costs. The activity can only take place if there are sufficient voluntary contributions. Please complete and return the slip at the end of this letter and pay your contribution, by Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October, by when a decision on the viability of this event will be made. You can pay direct through School Money [www.schoolmoney.co.uk](http://www.schoolmoney.co.uk) and will receive a text with details on how to pay. If the event does not take place, donations will be refunded.

Many thanks for your support – we look forward to seeing all our budding authors in action!

Yours sincerely

Miss Dann, Miss Jones and Mrs Grant  
EYFS Teacher

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Visit by Dan Metcalf, author of the 'Lottie Lipton Investigates' series

I wish my child ..... to take part in the above activity.

I have made a voluntary contribution of £2.50 on school money

Signed ..... Date .....



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