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Dear Parents and Carers,

For the first time, we are delighted to share details of our upcoming Heartwood Literature Festival- an exciting celebration of reading, writing, and storytelling that will take place in the lead-up to World Book Day. Running for a two-week period from Monday 23rd February until Friday 6th March, the festival aims to inspire a lifelong love of books in all our pupils.

Throughout the fortnight, children will enjoy a wide range of exciting learning opportunities. A highlight of the fortnight includes a visit from local author, **Caroline Young** who will be working with our pupils across three specially designed workshops, each carefully tailored to suit the needs and interests of our classes. These interactive sessions will give children the opportunity to explore the creative process, develop their own writing skills, and be inspired by a real-life author's journey. Caroline will be selling copies of her beautiful book 'Grandad's Garden' at the end of the school day on Thursday 26th February. It is priced at £6 if you buy it directly from her (normally £7.99 online) and she has asked that if you are able to bring cash that would be preferable.

In addition, we are proud to showcase talent from within our own school community. Our very own author, **Tim Hall**, will be delivering a talk to pupils, sharing his experiences of writing and publishing and encouraging children to see themselves as authors too. He has a range of books based on the Robin Hood stories that will appeal to our oldest readers. Again, Tim's books will be available for sale at the end of the day on Tuesday 24th February - a bargain for £5 each.

The festival will culminate in our **World Book Day celebrations (Thursday 5th March)**, where pupils will take part in a range of fun and engaging literacy activities that bring books and stories to life and reinforce our shared love of reading across the school. **We are inviting the children to come into school dressed either as their favourite character from a book, or their PJ's to celebrate 'cosy' reading on World Book Day.**

We are incredibly excited about the opportunities this festival will offer our pupils and look forward to celebrating literacy together as a school community.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,

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