



Spalding Parish Church of England Day School

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Dear Parent/Carer

500 Words Writing Competition

What story will your child write? The UK's largest story writing competition for kids is back for its tenth year. BBC Radio 2 is again promoting a love of writing with their annual competition aimed at children aged 5 to 13. Winners can win their own height in books, by writing a story with a word-count of up to 500 words.

The competition is organised by the BBC in association with Oxford University Press. To enter, your child must write a fictional story (no more than 500 words in length). Entry is via an online entry form available at www.bbc.co.uk/500words. An adult is required to approve the entry and agree to the Terms and Conditions. This adult could be a parent, guardian or teacher. It is important that you provide your contact details to give your permission for the entry.

What are the prizes?

As well as attending a spectacular 500 Words Final at Buckingham Palace where superstar celebrities will read the winning stories live on the radio, six amazing illustrators: Tony Ross, Fiona Lumbers, David McKee, Sue Cheung, David Roberts, and Margaret Sturton – will each be set the task of illustrating one of the winning stories.

The winners in each age category will also receive:

- Gold Winners - Chris Evans' height in books and 500 books for their school.
- Silver Winners - HRH The Duchess of Cornwall's height in books.
- Bronze Winners - Their own height in books.



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There is also a BRAND NEW Prize for 2020 and it doesn't matter how good your story is just that you enter one. One entrant will be selected at random to receive a fabulous book bundle and an invite to the final (for child plus a parent or guardian). They will also win 500 books for their school – so the more pupils a school has that has entered the more chances they have of winning a brand new library.

We have continued to see a wealth of fantastic writing taking place throughout the school, so the children should be very proud of themselves. Thank you to all those children that entered the Poetry Competition run by our Y6 children. They have been using impressive language features, vocabulary choices and sentence structure. This is an exciting competition which is an excellent opportunity for every child in school to showcase their skills. **You have until Thursday 27th February at 8pm to enter.** We shall also be holding our own competition in school again, so please bring in a copy of your story by the same deadline. There are lots of resources available online to aid inspiration, if needed. There will be an opportunity for the children to drop into the Y6KB on a Tuesday lunchtime to find out more. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to talk to myself or Diane Mulley.

Thank you for your continued support and good luck to those children who decide to enter.

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