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Dear Parent/Carer

How exciting! 500 Words is open again this year! What story will your child write? The UK's largest story writing competition for kids is back. BBC2 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. It is all about celebrating creativity.

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, carer or teacher. It is important that you provide your contact details to give your permission for the entry.

What are the prizes?

The possibility of being invited to a spectacular 500 Words Final at Buckingham Palace where superstar celebrities will read the winning stories live on the radio. The Judges this time are: Jon Kay (BBC Breakfast), Malorie Blackman, Frank Cottrell-Boyce, Charlie Higson, Francesca Simon and Sir Lenny Henry.

The winners in each age category will also receive:

Gold Winners – Sir Lenny Henry's height in books and 500 books for their school.

Silver Winners – Her Majesty, Queen Camilla's height in books.

Bronze Winners - Their own height in books.

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 story writing competition in school last March, which was judged by the local town library. 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 **Friday 10th November 2023** 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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