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Dear Parents & Guardians,

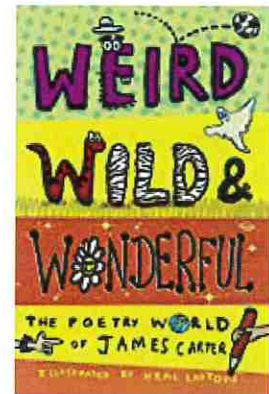
Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2023

### Newlands World Book Day – Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2023

We are looking forward to celebrating our World Book Day next Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March. This letter contains information about the visiting poet, a performance assembly you are invited to, the dressing up theme and our School Book Fair.

#### Visiting Author

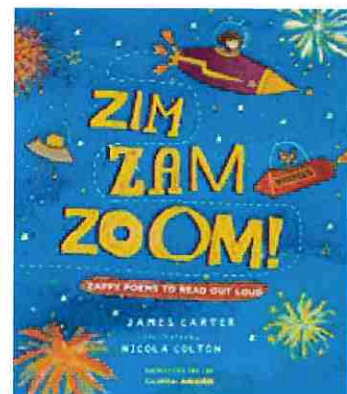
On Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March we are welcoming the poet James Carter into School. He will be doing an assembly and all the children will be taking part in workshops with James throughout the day. We have been reading two of James' books in school to the children so they are already enjoying his poems. A BIG thank you to FONDS who are funding this visit.



James will be available at the end of the day if you would like to purchase one of his books. There are two available, both at a cost of £8. This will be a cashless payment by card direct to the author.

#### Performance/Assembly

At the end of the day, James will be running two assembly/performance where the children will be reading out their poems. We would like to invite parents into school to attend these performances.



Children in **Year 1, 2 and 3** have their assembly from 2pm – 2.30pm, where parents can listen to their child/class read out the poems they have written. Straight after assembly, you are very welcome to join us in the classrooms and spend time reading with your child. Alternatively, if you have an older child, you are welcome to stay in the hall to watch the second assembly.

Children in **Reception** will not be reading out poems in assembly but you are welcome to come into school at 2.30pm to go into the classroom to spend time reading books with your child.

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Children in **Year 4, 5 and 6** have their assembly from 2.30pm – 3pm where parents can listen to their child/class read out the poems they have written.

For all assemblies, please come through the blue gates at the end of the car park and enter the hall through the side doors. Please arrive for the assemblies 10 minutes before the start times. Reception parents should come to the main door.

### **Dressing up**

Our visiting poet has inspired the theme for dressing up this year. James Carter has written a poem called 'Happy':

Happy as a rainbow  
happy as a bee  
happy as a dolphin  
splashing in the sea

Happy as a banjo  
plucking on a tune  
happy as a Sunday  
lazy afternoon

Happy as bare feet  
running on the beach  
happy as a sunflower  
happy as a peach

Happy as a memory  
shared by two  
happy as me...  
when I'm with you!

Happy as a poppy  
happy as a spoon  
dripping with honey  
happy as June

Using this as our inspiration, we would like the children to dress as something that makes them happy. This could be a book/book character, being in pyjamas, a particular colour, an outfit linked to something that makes them happy and so on.

### **School Book Fair**

The Book Fair will be in school from Tuesday March 7<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> March; please see details on last weeks' letter. As a school, we receive **60% commission** on book sales so we very much appreciate any purchases you may make, as this will enable us to buy books for the classrooms and library. Online ordering is already open. The children are able to use their World Book Day token at the Book Fair.

Thank you for all your support, we are very much looking forward to celebrating with the children.

Yours sincerely



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