



Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2017

### Year 6 BBC 500 Words Writing Competition

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am pleased to announce that Year 6 will be taking part in the BBC children's writing competition, entitled 500 words.

500 words is a fictional writing competition, open children up to the age of 13. Prizes will be awarded in different age categories, but we will only be submitting entries from our year 6 classes.

You may have seen it being promoted on The One Show, or the Chris Evans breakfast Show on BBC radio 2 and is officially launching today.

It is an amazing opportunity for the children to put their creative writing skills to the test and write for a purpose.

It is an annual competition, which has the backing of famous children's authors such as Francesca Simon (Horrid Henry author) and Michael Morpurgo.

The competition is even supported by celebrities such as Paloma Faith, Sam Smith, Benedict Cumberbatch and the Duchess of Cornwall.

The stories will be written in school, where we will support the children through the planning and editing process. All stories need to be totally fictional, the children's work and no more than 500 words.

We will start planning writing our entries this week, with every year 6 child writing a story. If you do not want us to submit your child's entry into BBC competition, then we request that you send a letter into school no later than **Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2017**. If we do not hear from you, then we will assume that permission is given and will submit your child's story, as part of the Year 6 entries.

This is an amazing opportunity that we didn't want to miss out on. The year 6 team are very excited about taking part and will be submitting entries after the half term holidays.

We hope you share our enthusiasm.

To find out more about the competition, or to watch some of the promotional videos, then please visit the BBC website. We do ask that you do not share any of the video clips with the children, as we will do this in class as part of building the suspense and enthusiasm with them.

Thank you again for your support.

Kind regards,

The Year 6 Team