

5th February 2018

Dear Parents,

After half term the school will be having a writing week and as part of this I would like to introduce two competitions.

The first is a short story writing competition. To enter the competition children need to write a story that is no longer than 500 words. (The children are very welcome to use their entry to the school competition to enter the Radio 2 500 Words Story Writing Competition. More information about the Radio 2 competition can be found here <http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p00rfvk1>).

The short story can be about any topic, in fact the more imaginative the better, and we will be judging it based on the best original story we receive.

We will also be running a handwriting competition. As a school we are focusing on developing handwriting and presentation of work and this is the chance for children to show how beautiful their writing can be. The children need to write out a poem on a piece of plain A4 paper. It can be a poem they have made up or it could be one they like and copy. The focus is entirely on how beautifully written the piece of work is.

The school is using a new handwriting scheme to ensure there is clear progression. More information can be seen at the website www.letterjoin.co.uk.

Entries to both competitions need to be submitted by Wednesday 28th February. The entries will be judged by members of Governing Body and the winners will be announced on Friday 2nd March. Each entry will also receive 10 house points. Children are welcome to enter both competitions but are limited to one piece for each.

For both competitions there will be winners in each of the following categories:

- Reception
- Year 1 and 2.
- Year 3 and 4
- Year 5 and 6.

Yours sincerely

Mr Richard Foster
Deputy Head