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"Building together for a better future"

11th January 2017

Dear Parents,

One of our areas for School Improvement is to promote a love of reading in our children. As a result, we have decided to hold a Book Week on 23rd to 27th January 2017. As part of the week, we have organised many exciting activities and events. Some of the activities will be held as a whole school and some will be in class/ year group sessions. In order to help your children prepare, a timetable of events is listed below.

Monday 23 rd January	Whole school invited to dress up as a book character (no football kits please) A prize of a book will be presented to the best costume in each class in an assembly at the end of the day.
	Launch of the Spring 'Reading Passport'. One month of reading (signed by parents please) and children who complete the passport will receive a certificate and will be entered into a draw in each year group for a new book. End date: Friday 17 th February.
	Launch of reading competitions in each year group 5H visit to Talke Library
Wednesday 25 th January	3J Visit to Talke library
Thursday 26 th and Friday 27 th January	Two day visit from poet- Andy Tooze See letter on reverse. Nursery Parent reading sessions 3P Visit to Talke library
Friday 27 th January	Winners of competitions announced- book prizes.

In addition all classes will take part in some of the following events (individual dates to be decided by the teachers)

- Book swap
- Children read extracts of several books throughout the week and choose a new class reader.
- Children read extracts from their favourite books to the rest of the class.
- Author focus displays throughout the week.
- Reading assemblies (including acting from the staff!).
- Class buddy reading
- Teachers swap classes to read stories.

We hope you will support your child in taking part in this exciting week.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Clarke
Headteacher

Dear Parents,

On Thursday and Friday of Book Week 2017 poet, Andy Tooze, will be visiting St Chad's C.E. Primary School.

Information about Andy Tooze:-

I am Andy Tooze a fifty two year old poet from Buxton, Derbyshire. Before working as a full-time poet, I spent nine years working in primary schools (working with all ages from Nursery to Year 6) from where I draw a lot of my inspiration and professionalism.

I visit primary schools to deliver an exciting poetry experience. All my sessions are dynamic and interactive, involving speaking, listening, reading, writing and drama. I will read my poems and answer questions about their stimulus, form and content. I will give the children a variety of simple, helpful hints to enable them to compose their own poems. Most of all, I will inspire them with my natural enthusiasm and empathy.

My new book will be available to purchase on the days of my visits and I will sign them for each child on the day. 'The Poetry Bug' published by Matador came out on January 28th 2016. It is my first full length book containing 118 pages and is proving to be incredibly popular with children, parents and teachers. It is usually sold at a cost of £8.99. However, when I visit schools I sell it at a discounted rate of £5. My book contains a mixture of the thought-provoking, the amusing, the inspiring and the downright ludicrous. Over the years I have visited hundreds of primary schools in which I have sold more than 101,000 of my books to children and staff

If you would like your child to receive a copy of the book and have it signed by the author on the day then please complete the slip below and return it with your payment, in a named envelope, to the school office before Tuesday 24th January. Please make cheques payable to school.

POETRY BOOK PURCHASE

Child's Name _____

Class _____

- I wish to purchase a copy of *The Poetry Bug*
- I enclose payment of £5 per copy (*Cheques should be made payable to the school*)

Signed _____

Print Name _____

(Person with parental responsibility)

Please return all orders and payment to school by Tuesday 24th January 2017 - *No orders will be taken after this date.*