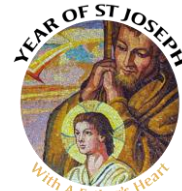




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### **Stroud Book Festival 4<sup>th</sup> November 2021**

Dear Parents and Carers

I am excited to tell you that we have booked virtual sessions at the Stroud Book Festival on 4<sup>th</sup> November 2021. The children in KS2 are going to be watching a variety of digital workshops.

Year 3 and 4 will digitally be watching - **DAYDREAMS & JELLYBEANS: POEMS TO READ ALOUD With ALEX WHARTON**. They will join award-winning poet Alex Wharton for an event full of rhyme, rhythm and free verse as he reads from his new poetry collection, "Daydreams and Jellybeans" and also shares hints and tips for making poetry of your own. Alex's poems for primary age children are both funny and sensitive, promoting inclusion and nurturing a love of language, reading, confidence and self-expression. He will fill their ears with wonderful words, celebrate the beauty of nature and the power of poetry to inspire!

Year 5 will be watching - **FANTASTICALLY GREAT WOMEN SCIENTISTS & THEIR STORIES With KATE PANKHURST**. Year 5 will join illustrator, author and suffragette descendant Kate Pankhurst as she tells the stories of some of the incredible female scientists whose hard work and persistence changed our understanding of science and transformed people's ideas of what women can do. They'll learn about Mae Jemison's out-of-this-world story as the first African American woman in space; the lengths that Elizabeth Blackwell went to in order to become the first female doctor, and many, many more! There will be drawing, there will be dressing up and most importantly, there will be lots of inspiration to change the world!

Year 6 will be watching - **THE WILD BEFORE With PIERS TORDAY**. They will join award-winning author Piers Torday – also a leading voice on children's books, reading and literacy – for a heartfelt and inspiring journey through storytelling, his writing career, and growing up with the magic of reading. In this captivating event, they'll hear about Piers' life as a young boy, and discover how he found joy in bedtime stories and family walks through the woods. His books are full of environmental themes, as well as friendship and hope, it celebrates the power of stories to change and help save our world.

The digital sessions will be taking place on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2021 and the cost per child will be £1.50. In order to confirm this exciting opportunity for your child/children, please send consent to [admin@st-josephs.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:admin@st-josephs.gloucs.sch.uk) and cash payment to the school office in a named envelope by Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October. Parentpay bank charges are too high for small payments.

We can't wait to be part of this brilliant local event.

Thank you for your continued support  
Mrs Knight, Mrs Hathaway, Mrs Hares and Mrs Hobbs.

