

25 June 2024

Dear parents and carers,

We are delighted to inform you that from Monday 8th to Friday 12th of July the Academy will be holding a summer literacy festival. This is a chance for staff and students to celebrate reading and writing for pleasure by participating in daily activities, a week long readathon and by visiting the Scholastic book fair. Below are details of what will be happening during this week. We would appreciate parents encouraging students to get involved in these activities.

All week - 'ReadforGood' readathon

Students and staff will be encouraged to get sponsored to set a reading goal and read as much as they can from **Monday 8th to Sunday 14th of July.**

- Sponsor cards and bookmarks can be collected from the library prior to the readathon
- Parents can donate as little or as much as they would like to 'ReadforGood', a charity providing books and stories to children in need
- Participating students and staff will be invited to optional reading sessions everyday after school in the library where they will be provided with refreshments
- All payments to be made and sponsor cards to be handed in to Miss Houldsworth in the library by **Wednesday the 17th of July.**
- Students can verify what they have read by taking Accelerated Reader quizzes or writing book reviews.

Monday 8th July - Short story competition

Students will be challenged to write a 100 word short story based on the theme of 'chaos'

- Entry sheets available from the library
- 1st prize: £10 Love2shop voucher
- Stories will also be entered into the Young Writers 'Mission Chaos' competition with a chance to win £50, a trophy and have their work published!
- **Deadline: Tuesday 9th July**, to be handed in to Miss Houldsworth in the library

Tuesday 9th July - Book cover design competition

The book cover design competition involves students choosing their favourite book and redesigning the cover based on their perception of the story.

- Templates available in the library
- 1st prize: £10 Love2shop voucher
- **Deadline: Wednesday 10th July**, to be handed in to Miss Houldsworth in the library

Wednesday 10th July - Poetry competition

Students will be encouraged to write a poem from a new perspective. They can write any form of poem and choose the perspective of any person, character, animal or object.

- Templates available in the library
- 1st Prize: £10 Love2shop voucher
- **Deadline: Thursday 11th July**, to be handed in to Miss Houldsworth in the library

Thursday 11th to 16th July - Scholastic book fair

The Scholastic book fair will be open to browse and purchase books before and after school, during library lessons and during Friday lunch times

- A selection of the best new books from £2.99
- From Thursday the 11th to Tuesday 16th July in the library
- Students can pay by cash or card
- Parents also have the option to pay online on the scholastic website by getting their child to fill out a wishlist and collect their chosen books after payment has been made using the QR code on the bottom of the wishlist.
- Library lesson students will have a chance to win one of five £5 vouchers during the run up to spend at the book fair during the run up to the festival.

Friday 12th July - Find the golden ticket

Students can join the hunt to decode clues and find the golden tickets hidden in library books

- Meet in the library at the start of lunch breaks
- Prizes available

Yours faithfully

The reading team