



WELCOME TO GREAT LITTLE LITFEST

Bringing children's books to life in
Hertfordshire and Buckinghamshire



Dear Parents & Carers

A very warm welcome to the inaugural Chorleywood Children's Literary Festival or **Great Little Litfest** as it has come to be known.

The same team that bring you the successful Chorleywood Literary Festival (Chorleywood LitFest) are organising the first child-friendly book festival in the region. The events, which coincide with World Book Day (www.worldbookday.com) will bring together authors, illustrators, poets and storytellers with their audience – children from primary school age to A-level, with a few adult-friendly events thrown in to keep the grown up ones happy!

Great Little LitFest will run from **Tuesday 5th March** to **Tuesday 19th March** 2013 and features some of the most successful published children's authors and poets; bringing to life their stories and how they write, and enthusing children to read and write both fiction and non-fiction for their own enjoyment.

Confirmed speakers include Carol Ann Duffy, Rachel Bright, Dr Kevin Fong, Simon Mayo, Patrick Hennessey, Laura Dockrill, Jez Alborough, Ian Whybrow, Sam Gayton, Lauren Oliver, Jacqueline Harvey, Marissa Meyer, Paul Stewart and Chris Riddell, Louise Yates and Christopher William Hill.

Great Little Litfest events comprise four main strands:

1. A Schools Programme with successful authors and illustrators of children's books speaking at local schools;
2. A series of Public Events (Saturday 9th and Sunday 10th March), at which some of the authors listed above will talk about their work, and there will be crafty and arty workshops (Red Ted Art), a children's cookery festival (Cinnamon Square), and a Storytelling Picnic;
3. Specially formed book groups for children, which shadow the Blue Peter Book Awards; and
4. Writing competitions for children and students of all ages.



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At the last count we had 21 schools within the region participating in The Schools Programme. If your child or children attend a school which is hosting an author visit, you may already have received or will shortly be receiving notification from the school.

Hopefully you will have received just before half term a Great Little Litfest flyer via children's book bags.

Tickets for the following public events are now on sale and can be bought by visiting www.littlelitfest.org/tickets/ or from The Chorleywood Bookshop at 4 New Parade, Chorleywood, Hertfordshire WD3 5NJ.

Event	Date	Time	Venue
Calmer Easier Happier Homework – <i>Noël Janis-Norton</i>	Tuesday 5th March	7.30pm	Charlotte House Prep School
Red Ted Art (Age 4+) – <i>Maggy Woodley</i>	Saturday 9th March	9.15-9.45am	Memorial Hall
Red Ted Art (Age 7+) – <i>Maggy Woodley</i>	Saturday 9th March	10.00-10.30am	Memorial Hall
Rachel Bright – <i>World Book Day Illustrator 2013</i>	Saturday 9th March	11.00am	Memorial Hall
Jez Alborough	Saturday 9th March	2.00pm	Memorial Hall
Laura Dockrill	Saturday 9th March	3.30pm	Memorial Hall
Cinnamon Square – Introduction to Breadmaking workshop (Age 6+)	Sunday 10th March	10.00-11.30am	British Legion Hall
Cinnamon Square – Mad Hatters Battenburg workshop (Age 8+)	Sunday 10th March	12.00-1.30pm	British Legion Hall
Cinnamon Square – Cupcake Decorating workshop (Age 8+)	Sunday 10th March	2.00-3.30pm	British Legion Hall
Storytelling Picnic with Florentine and Pig – <i>Eva Katzler</i>	Sunday 10th March	4.00pm	British Legion Hall
Carol Ann Duffy with John Sampson	Tuesday 12th March	7.00pm	Barbirolli Hall, St Clement Danes School
Dr Kevin Fong	Tuesday 19th March	7.00pm	Merchant Taylor's School



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The following events are suitable for children in KS2:

- **Red Ted Art** Crafty Session (Age 7+) – Saturday 9th March, 10.00-10.30am, £3.00
- **Laura Dockrill** (quirky, zany, fun author) – Saturday 9th March, 3.30pm, £3.00
- **Cinnamon Square – Mad Hatters Battenburg** hands-on baking class (Age 8+) – Sunday 10th March, 12.00-1.30pm, £10.00
- **Cinnamon Square – Cupcake Decorating** hands-on baking class (Age 8+) – Sunday 10th March, 2.00-3.30pm, £10.00

The following 'headline' events are suitable for students in secondary schools and adults:

- **Carol Ann Duffy with John Sampson** – Tuesday 12th March, 7.00pm, £3.00 students, £5.00 adults
- **Dr Kevin Fong** – Tuesday 19th March, 7.00pm, FREE (plus administration charge of £1.00 per ticket)

The following event is suitable for adults:

- **Calmer Easier Happier Homework with Noël Janis-Norton** – Tuesday 5th March, 7.30pm, £5.00

Finally, please remember our drawing and writing competitions for children and students of all ages. All four competitions are being judged by well-known illustrators and authors. For an entry form and for details of how to submit entries, please see www.littlelitfest.org/competitions.

We hope you enjoy Little Litfest, and if you'd like to be involved, please get in touch! In the meantime please follow us on Twitter and Facebook.

Please contact either:

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Very best wishes

Sheryl, Morag, Mark, Jaynie and the Little Litfest team



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