

# Barnby Dun Primary Academy

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## Growing & Learning Together

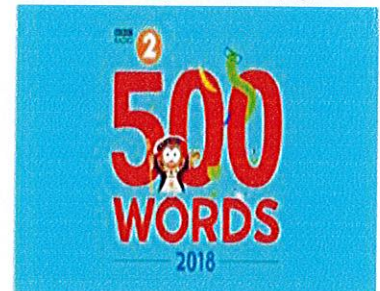
Dear Parents/Carers,

Seven years ago, Chris Evans had a dream: to get children, no matter their ability, excited about reading and writing. '500 Words' is now one of the most successful story-writing competitions for children in the world: **Three quarters of a million** children have entered and written a story for the competition; therefore, we want the children at Barnby Dun to be a part of it in 2018!

Recently, we have launched the '500 Words' Radio 2 writing competition within our classes: watching live lessons with authors, sharing ideas and letting our creativity run wild. The competition asks children to write a story that is a maximum of 500 words. Children are encouraged to let their imagination run wild, creating exciting characters and transporting their reader to far away lands ... the only limit is the word count!

In this competition there are two age categories in which children can be entered: 5-9 and 10-13; there will be 3 winners in each category. All entries will be read by Chris Evans and his '500 Words' team. The stories will be shortlisted and the chosen 50 will be invited to the final at Hampton Court Palace in June. Many celebrity guests perform at this exciting event and the winning entries will be revealed and performed by famous authors. The exciting prizes up for grabs are as follows:

- **Gold winners will win Chris Evans' height in books (6.2") and 500 books each for their school.**
- **2 Silver winners will win Her Royal Highness The Duchess of Cornwall's height in books (5.6").**
- **2 Bronze winners will win their own height in books.**



As well as all this, children will be taken on a ride around the Hampton Court Palace grounds in **Chitty Chitty Bang Bang**, plus tea on the Thames aboard **Her Majesty the Queen's rowbarge, Gloriana!**

As a school, we would love to have lots of our children getting involved and entering the competition. The official closing date for entries is Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2018. To ensure all entries reach Radio 2 HQ in time, we ask that children return the attached form and their electronic copy of their 500 word story to school no later than **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February**. Children must have word processed their entries. They can either email them to the office email on [office@barnbydun.doncaster.sch.uk](mailto:office@barnbydun.doncaster.sch.uk) or hand them in on a clearly labelled memory stick (which will be returned at a later date). Additionally, if your child has limited access to a computer, designated ICT sessions at lunchtimes will be available.

For any further information, you can visit [www.bbc.co.uk/500wordscompetition](http://www.bbc.co.uk/500wordscompetition), or come and speak to Miss Hirst. We cannot wait to hear what the children produce and wish them all huge luck with the competition.

Happy Writing Barnby Dun children!

Kind Regards,  
Miss Hirst



INVESTOR IN PEOPLE



Eco-Schools  
Silver Award



Doncaster Metropolitan Borough Council  
Charter Mark for Inclusion



Please complete the following details so we can ensure we have all the correct information we could possibly need to enter:

<b>Child's name:</b>	
<b>Gender:</b>	
<b>Child's DOB:</b>	
<b>Child's Age:</b>	
<b>Child's home address:</b>	
<b>Parent/Carer's name:</b>	
<b>Parent/Carer's contact details:</b>	
<b>Story Title:</b>	

I give permission for Barnby Dun School to submit personal information, as well as their story entry, on behalf of my child \_\_\_\_\_ for the BBC '500 Word' competition.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signed: \_\_\_\_\_