

## Book Week – Monday 29<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March – Years R - 4

Week commencing Monday 29<sup>th</sup> February - Twineham School will be taking part in lots of activities linked to World Book Day.

Attached to this letter you will find a West Sussex Library card application form to enable your child to become part of your local library service.

First thing Tuesday we start our special week with a visit from Cathy Watts; Cathy Watts lives close to the sea in Sussex. She launched her first book of stories for children called **Sandies in the Beach Huts** in September 2008. The sandies are friendly little characters (mostly!) who live underneath a row of beach huts and have all sorts of adventures at night along the sea-shore and the promenade. The book is aimed at young readers aged between five and ten (and anyone else who loves the seaside too of course) and many of the stories are based around real happenings along the coastline.

**Sandies in the Beach Huts** has been very well-received and Cathy is a regular speaker in local primary schools where she talks with the children about the seashore and reads extracts from her work. A sequel to **Sandies in the Beach Huts** was launched in December 2009 called **Hello again sandies!!** which continues the exploits of the sandies and is, like the first book, beautifully illustrated by watercolour artist Emma Ball. 2011 saw the launch of the third book in the sandies series called **Watch out for the sandies** which has, like the other two books, been greeted with delight by an ever-growing readership. Cathy's fourth book for children sees a new series about pond life which was launched on October 27<sup>th</sup> 2012 at RSPB Pagham Harbour in West Sussex.

<http://www.beachhutbooks.co.uk/index.htm>

She will be working with both KS1 and KS2. After school there is a book sale and a finger puppet sale (the finger puppets are the characters in her books).

On Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March Samantha Watkins – author of a new series of funny children's books called **Creature Teacher** will be spending the morning with us. Currently there are three books available, with another publishing in August. Sam voraciously consumed books from a young age due to a food shortage in the small village in West Sussex where she grew up. This diet, although not recommended by doctors, has given her a lifelong passion for books. Sam was a bookseller, editor and educational publisher before she started to write children's books. She also taught art and design for a while, and as a keen artist she has been known to dabble in a bit of illustration, too.



Sam will be talking to the pupils in assembly about what fun it is to read, and write, books and to read some extracts from her books, with a little help from the pupils.

Afterwards, she will be running some creative workshops, too. It should be a fun day!

We are planning to hold a book sale after the assembly, where children can buy signed copies of the first three books of the series if they wish. The books will be available to buy at a discounted price of £5.00 per book.

On Thursday each year group will have a visit from West Sussex Library Service; they will talk about the Library Service, read with the children and then your child will get the opportunity to open up an account and receive a library card on the day, if they have not already got one. (Children will need to have their completed application forms with them in school) application forms are attached to this letter.

Thursday will also be our dressing up as a book character day! – To celebrate World Book Day children are to dress up as their favourite book character.



Friday we welcome Sue Hendra and Paul Linnet to Twineham - The creators of *Barry, the Fish with Fingers* and *Norman, the Slug with the Silly Shell*.

Brighton based author/illustrator **Sue Hendra** studied illustration at university and also sold doughnuts from a kiosk at the zoo. The illustration career won and she has now illustrated around 100 books. When she met Paul Linnet she found another person with a silly sense of humour so they fell in love and started writing and illustrating together. It seems that others enjoy their frankly ridiculous stories and they have won prizes and all sorts. Some nice people even had the great idea to make the book *Wanda and the Alien* by Sue into a worldwide TV phenomenon!

At 3.00pm we play host to Steyning Book Shop who will bring to the school a large selection of the latest children's books. As usual, pupils will receive a £1 book voucher which can be put towards the cost of a book of their choice, either on the day or at any of the participating book shops. At the end of the school day it will be possible for those pupils who wish to buy a book to visit the bookshop in the Hall and use their WBD £1 voucher to buy a £1 WBD book or as part payment towards any other books. Children and their parents can visit at any time between 3pm and 4.30pm. Please note that the book shop will only be able to accept cash or cheque on the day. Last year they set up a lovely selection of books so please come along and have a look.

Sue Hendra and Paul Linnet will be around at the end of the day to sign any of their books that are purchased at the book sale. Sue and Paul's book 'Supertato Hap-pea Ever After' is one of the World Book Day selected books this year. So we are very lucky to get them during this busy week!

Throughout the week there will be a lot of opportunities for the children to purchase signed copies of books and finger puppets from all of the authors. At the end of this letter there are forms to allow you to pre-order these prior to the event – to avoid disappointment on the day. There is no facility to pre- order the Sue Hendra and Paul Linnet books prior to the event so children will need to bring money into school if they wish to purchase signed copies.

The aim of the week is to encourage more children to enjoy the experience of reading. World Book Day or in our case 'Book week' is a positive way of making children aware that there are many excellent books to choose from. People all over the world will be joining in.

***Although this is the same week that the Year 5 and 6 children are away on their residential, please feel free to order signed copies of books and they are more than welcome to attend the Book Sale in the Hall on their return on the Friday. Ivy class will still be issued with a World Book Day Voucher.***

***We are very thankful to the Friends of Twineham (FOTs) as they have kindly agreed to fund 2 of our arranged visits. We are asking parents if they would be able to donate £2.00 per child to help with the cost of the other planned events. We are very lucky to have been able to secure visits with such well known authors especially on Book Week.***

***Without the help from the FOT'S and parent donations we would not be able to provide the children with such a special week.***

***All children in all years will be benefiting from all of the activities planned and the authors will be spending equal amounts of time with all of the children.***

***We do not expect donations from Year 5 and 6 children as they are away on their residential visit but it would really help us if all other parents could contribute.***

***Many Thanks***

***Gemma Killick***

***Local author visit to celebrate Book Week: Cathy Watts***

Popular, local author Cathy Watts will be helping us to celebrate Book Week on Tuesday March 1<sup>st</sup> 2016 all day. Cathy has written three books featuring some cheerful (mostly!) characters called the Sandies who live underneath our beach huts and come out at night to have adventures along the seafront and the local beach. Her fourth book for children is about the Woodies who live underneath some garden sheds near a group of old fishponds and whose tales incorporate adventures with mini-beasts and pond-life. Cathy will be sharing her nature treasures with us during assembly, as well as doing some craft activities and story-writing throughout the day.

After school Cathy's books will be on sale (priced £5.99 each) together with the character finger puppets (Sandies and Woodies) (priced £4 each). If you would like to order a book or a puppet, please complete the order form and give it to the school in advance of the visit. We are certainly in for a lot of fun and look forward to Cathy's visit enormously!

**Order form for Cathy Watts (Tuesday March 1<sup>st</sup> 2016)**

**Please tick the book you would like to order and/or a finger puppet and give your order form and money into the school before Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> February.**

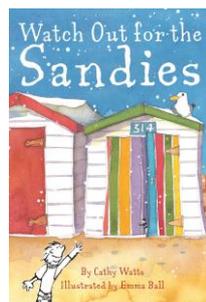
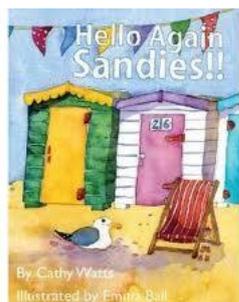
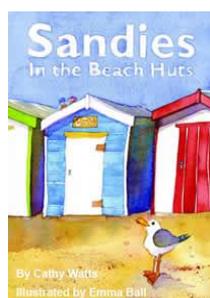
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<b>BOOK (£5.99 each)</b>	<b>QUANTITY</b>	<b>COLOUR</b>
Hello Again Sandies!!		
Watch out for the Sandies		
The Woodies by the ponds		
Finger Puppets (Please state what colour)		
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>£</b>

**FINGER PUPPETS (£4 each)** All puppets designed, hand-made and sewn by Cathy Watts

The Sandies come in the following colours: sky-blue; apricot-orange; fuchsia-pink; soft pink; plum-purple; pea-green; poppy-red; egg-yellow.

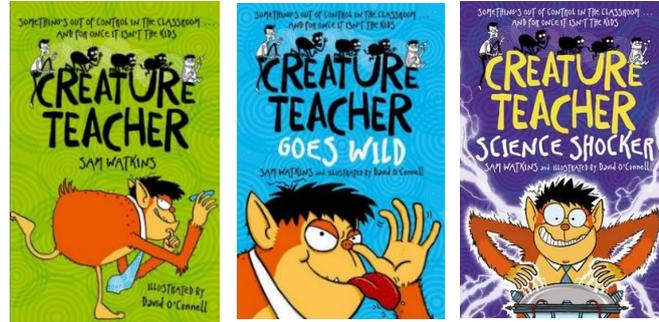
The Woodies are: Woody Ace (blue feather and pocket); Woody Rose (pink feather and pocket); Woody Chip (red feather and pocket); Woody Sun (yellow feather and pocket); Woody Star (orange feather and pocket).



**Order form for Sam Watkins (Wednesday 2nd March 2016)**

Dear Parents/Carers

I am the author of a new series of funny children's books called **Creature Teacher**. Currently there are three books available, with another publishing in August. I am very excited to be coming to Twineham C of E Primary School on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2016. I will be talking to the pupils in assembly about what fun it is to read, and write, books and to read some extracts from my books, with a little help from the pupils.



Afterwards, I'll be running some creative workshops, too. It should be a fun day!

We are planning to hold a book sale after the assembly, where children can buy signed copies of the first three books of the series if they wish. The books will be available to buy at a discounted price of £5.00 per book.

If your child would like to buy a signed copy of any of the books, please could you fill in the form below and return it with the correct money as soon as possible, so we have an idea of the number of books to bring with us.

A reminder will be sent out before the event.

Best wishes,

Sam Watkins

**Creature Teacher Book Sale**

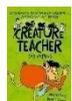
Name of child:

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Class:

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Please write the number of copies in the boxes below indicating the book(s) you would like to buy and enclose the correct money – Cash ONLY. The books are £5.00 each.



**Creature Teacher  
(Book 1)**



**Creature Teacher Goes Wild  
(Book 2)**



**Creature Teacher: Science Shocker  
(Book 3)**

**Please return this form to the school office by Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> February.**