

Dear Parents and Carers,

24th April 2025

Last term Mrs Tyson set up a Laughton and Firle "Book Club". She had an enthusiastic response from children at both sites. So far, it has been used as an opportunity to discuss the East Sussex Children's Book Award 2025 and many of the children have opted to read one of the shortlisted books.

As part of this initiative the children are invited to go to Southover CE Primary School, (Potter's Lane, Lewes, BN7 1JP) on Wednesday 30th April from 9.30-11.00 to meet Ele Fountain, author of 'Storm Child'. We can arrange transport through the school to take them there and bring them back to school. We ask for a donation of £5 towards transport and the school will meet the remaining cost. A member of school staff will travel with them and supervise them for the trip. However, we do have some spare tickets if you would like to come along too? We will be back at school in time for lunch.

Please let us know on the reply slip if your child will be able to attend and whether you would like to come along too, we may not have room for all adults on the mini bus so could meet you there.

There are three competitions that they can enter based on these should they wish to:

Book Review, Art Work and Creative Writing

The closing dates for these competitions is Friday 9th May and entries can be sent via the free courier service at school. The book clubs also get the opportunity to vote for each Book Clubs' favourite book from the six shortlisted for the East Sussex Children's Book Award. This will be arranged at school. Mrs Horan is now leading the Book club at Firle and either I or Mrs Waters will lead it at Laughton and we will share more information on the competitions with your child.

Please return the form below by Friday 25th April.

Yours faithfully



Rachel West
Executive Headteacher

I give permission for my child: _____ (name) in class _____

to attend the author visit to Southover Primary School on Wednesday 30th April.

I will/ will not be wanting a ticket to meet Ele Fountain (delete as applicable) Signature: _____

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