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## **Writing Competition**

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

Dear families,

On Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November the children were invited to a special assembly to meet the children's author ER Reilly. During this very special assembly this author talked to the children about his work and gave them all 'top-tips' for writing stories of their own. The children thoroughly enjoyed this talk, and as a result many of the children bought one or more of his books. On behalf of ER Reilly, and Springvale School, I would like to say a big thank you to all families who bought one or more of these books. Reading, as you know, is vitally important to the success of children's attainment in all areas of the curriculum, and it has been widely acknowledged that children who read daily attain better academically as well as having higher self-esteem. These children then go on to gaining more qualifications in further education and ultimately end up with an overall better quality of life. Reading also impacts on children's emotional health and well-being, which in this day and age is so important. It would be so lovely for all children to think positively about themselves as well as those around them, so please continue to support your children to read- I'm sure their new books will help!

Due to this visit being so popular I have decided to launch a Writing Competition based around ER Reilly's books. Each category will have a different title and will need to have a beginning, middle and end. The writing can be handwritten or typed. There is no word limit.

There will be three categories:

**7 and Under:** Title **"Oh Dear Spell"** Children are to write about a witch whose spell goes horribly wrong.

**9 and Under:** Title **"The Winning Ticket"** Children are to write about a child winning a national/worldwide competition.

**11 and Under:** Title **"The Spy School"** Children to write about a spy school-this story must include a dilemma.

I have launched this writing competition in assembly and have explained to the children what they need to do. They can include Father Christmas, or give their story a Christmas theme if they wish to, but they do not have to do this. The closing date for this competition will be **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2019.** The writing will be judged by a special panel and one winner will be chosen from each category. The three winners will win a trip to visit the independent book shop "Read" in Holmfirth and choose a book of their choice. They will also get to discuss books and writing whilst enjoying a lovely piece of cake and a drink with myself. This trip will take place on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2019 in the morning.

I really would like as many children as possible to have a go at this competition as I want to create a lovely writing display in school.

I wish you good luck and I look forward to reading lots of exciting stories!

Thank You

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