



# Lavant

## C.E. Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It was so lovely to chat to a parent today who said they have a collection of treasured books that their child has received from visiting authors to school. And it's that time of year again when we welcome **Children's BookFest** to our school with 2 visiting authors and a signed book for our children in Years 1 -6.

**Children's BookFest** is a local charity who are aiming to change the statistic that 1 in 11 children in the UK does not own a book of their own (National Literacy Trust) and to enthuse all children with a love of reading. They have organised for author visits in schools across Chichester and Bognor for this week and **they are purchasing a book for every child taking part**. Please visit their website to find out more: [www.childrensbookfest.com](http://www.childrensbookfest.com) or follow them on social media.



This year we are welcoming 2 authors to school! Neal Layton is an award winning author and illustrator. He lives in Portsmouth and has currently published over 80 books! He will be visiting our KS1 children on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October in the afternoon, and sharing one of his fabulous books with them.



KS2 have the pleasure of the company of Natasha Farrant on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October. She lives in London and is incredibly passionate about the books she writes. She has also won some awards for her writing. Her books are full of adventure and have strong characters at their heart. Books can be targeted at a slightly older audience and may need to remain on the shelf for a while until your child is ready to read it or have it read to them.



While the **BookFest** supply a book for each child, we pay for the author visit which is significantly discounted thanks to the charity. The friends have kindly offered to partially fund the authors workshops, which we are very grateful for. We are, therefore, asking for a voluntary donation of £2.00 per child to cover the cost of the rest of the cost for the workshops. Please sign in to Arbor and go to the 'shop' section to contribute. Please ensure you have contributed by Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October. Thank you.

Kind regards

Ali Totman  
(English co-ordinator)