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To: Head Teachers, Year 5 Teachers, Library Co-ordinators, Library Staff and Art Co-ordinators.

Dear Colleague

HAMPSHIRE ILLUSTRATED BOOK AWARD 2018

You are invited to take part in the Hampshire Illustrated Book Award, which is now in its fifteenth year. The award is designed to allow pupils of all abilities access to inspirational and imaginatively illustrated books.

Your pupils' involvement in selecting Hampshire's award winner will provide them with a unique opportunity to be involved in a major county literary event. It will also give them a real chance to enthuse about reading for pleasure. According to the National Curriculum in England 2014 pupils must:

- 'participate in discussions about books that are read to them and those they can read for themselves, building on their own and others' ideas and challenging views courteously'
- 'explain and discuss their understanding of what they have read, including through formal presentations and debates, maintaining a focus on the topic and using notes where necessary'

Feedback from Year 5 teachers on outcomes for the school and pupils on participating in HIBA 2017:

"It gave the opportunity for the children to work in mixed ability groups...All children were able to participate in reasoned discussions"

"Greater understanding of how illustrations can support the text both literally and inferentially"

"Excitement around new books and authors. Pupils engaged in inference and deduction tasks around new texts"

This award is for Year 5 pupils.

Every Year 5 participant will vote for their favourite book and these votes will determine the final winner of the Hampshire Illustrated Book Award for 2018. Although other pupils in school can be involved and enjoy taking part, it is only the votes from Year 5 pupils that can be put forward for the award.

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Those pupils participating will:

- Read, share and evaluate six books in six working weeks, between Monday 8th
 October and Friday 23rd November 2018.
- Be involved in focussed class discussions.
- Take part in exciting linked curriculum and art projects.
- Receive a colourful bookmark showing all the shortlisted titles.
- Receive a certificate celebrating their individual contribution to the 2018 award.
- Decide the winner by voting for their favourite book.

Participating Schools can expect:

- All documentation and correspondence to be sent electronically.
- Art notes to help teachers lead discussions and develop art-based projects prepared by

Kathy Whitford, Merdon Junior School.

- Curriculum notes prepared by Tamsin Hindley, Freegrounds Junior School.
- Easy-to-follow criteria, to encourage pupils to evaluate and explore books.
- To receive a school certificate recognising the school's participation in the 2018 award.
- Synopsis of each book and a biography of each author/illustrator included in the documentation.

To take part in this exciting award, schools will be asked to contribute a fee of £100 to include two new sets of the six shortlisted titles. These books, which will arrive jacketed, will be for the school to keep.

Additional sets of the books can also be ordered at the discounted price of £36.

(Past experience has shown that large schools require at <u>least</u> 2 sets of the books to give everyone an opportunity to read the titles and appreciate the illustrations).

"I would have liked extra copies – I have a large class" A teacher participating in the HIBA award.

If you wish to register your school, please complete the registration form and return it by email to the School Library Service.

The closing date for registrations is Friday 15th June 2018.

If you would like more information about the event or have any queries about its organisation, please don't hesitate to contact your Lead Adviser or email: <u>sls.events@hants.gov.uk</u> Tel: 01962 826660.

To find out about last year's award <u>click here</u>.

Yours faithfully, Helen Bryant School Library Service Manager