

MEET THE author



EVENTS FOR 2018-2019

NOVEMBER 2018



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Chitra Soundar



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MARCH 2019



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Further to the success of the *Meet the Author* programmes over the last five years, we have a fantastic selection of authors and illustrators for you and your pupils to meet in 2018-19. They will be visiting 12 schools in November 2018 and March 2019.

Meet the Author aims to support literacy and to inspire children's reading and writing by giving them the opportunity to meet some of the very best and most popular authors writing for children today. All events will also offer children the chance to buy books and have them signed by the author.

Hampshire School Library Service supports local businesses and book sales for this programme will be provided by either:

- The Hayling Island Bookshop <http://www.haylingislandbookshop.co.uk/>
- P&G Wells, Winchester <http://www.bookwells.co.uk/>

Date	Year Groups	Author	Morning venue	Afternoon venue
2018				
Tuesday 13 th November	3/4/5	M.P Robertson	Stroud School (Romsey)	Calmore Junior School (Calmore)
Wednesday 14 th November	1/2/3	Chitra Soundar	Harrison Primary School (Fareham)	Whiteley Primary School (Whiteley)
Thursday 15 th November	4/5/6	Megan Rix	Velmead Junior School (Fleet)	Cove Junior School (Farnborough)
2019				
Tuesday 5 th March	1/2	Michelle Robinson	St John The Baptist Catholic Primary School (Andover)	St Bede's Catholic Voluntary Aided Primary School (Basingstoke)
Wednesday 6 th March	6/7	Ally Sherrick	Bohunt School (Liphook)	Amery Hill School (Alton)
Thursday 7 th March	5/6	Kieran Larwood	Fair Oak Junior School (Eastleigh)	Merdon Junior School (Chandlers Ford)



M.P ROBERTSON

TUESDAY 13TH NOVEMBER 2018

Years 3/4/5

10.00 - 11.30am

Stroud School, Highwood House, Highwood Lane, Romsey

1.30 - 3.00pm

Calmore Junior School, Calmore, Southampton

M.P Robertson is an author and illustrator. Many of his books feature dragons and other weird and wonderful creatures. He says 'I've been drawing dragons for over a quarter of a century and I still relish every scale'. *Pet Dragon* was shortlisted for the 2017 Hampshire Illustrated Book Award. Mark's titles include *Frank'n'Stan*, *The Great Dragon Rescue*, and the best selling series *The Egg*. Mark's sessions include storytelling, drawing and showing how an idea can develop from a crude scribble on the back of an envelope to a fully fledged book.



CHITRA SOUNDAR

WEDNESDAY 14TH NOVEMBER 2018

Years 1/2/3

10.00 - 11.30am

Harrison Primary School, Fareham

1.30 - 3.00pm

Whiteley Primary School, Whiteley, Fareham

Chitra Soundar is an Indian born author and storyteller. Inspired by the rich epics and folktales of India, Chitra weaves together stories, songs and rhymes into a wonderful storytelling session. Chitra says 'When I start a new story, I like to scribble, doodle and write by hand. I draw lots of lines and circles and put ideas in them and play around'. Chitra writes for both KS1 and KS2 pupils. Her stories include *Pattan's Pumpkin: an Indian flood story*, *A Dollop of Ghee and a Pot of Wisdom: stories from India*, and *Farmer Falgu Goes on a Trip*.



MEGAN RIX

THURSDAY 15TH NOVEMBER 2018

Years 4/5/6

10.00 - 11.30am

Velmead Junior School, Fleet

1.30 - 3.00pm

Cove Junior School, Farnborough

Megan Rix (aka Ruth Symes) is an award winning author of both animal and history stories. Megan's animal stories include *The Paw House* and *Emmeline and the Plucky Pup* while her World War 2 titles include *The Bomber Dog* and *The Victory Dogs*. Megan Rix is a perfect author for pupils who enjoy animal and adventure stories! Megan will be visiting with her two golden retriever dogs Bella and Freya.

MICHELLE ROBINSON



TUESDAY 5TH MARCH 2019

Years 1/2

10.00 - 11.30am

St John the Baptist Catholic Primary School, Andover

1.30 - 3.00pm

St Bede's Catholic Primary School, Basingstoke

Michelle Robinson writes warm, vibrant picture books full of humour and zest. Before becoming an author Michelle wrote radio and TV advertisements. She says 'I got bored and started writing stories in my spare time'. Her books include *How to Wash a Woolly Mammoth*, *Ding Dong Gorilla*, and *There's a Lion in my Cornflakes*. Michelle bases her sessions around interactive storytelling, using props and playing word games that immerse children in the joy of a book!



ALLY SHERRICK

WEDNESDAY 6TH MARCH 2019

Years 6/7

10.00 - 11.30am

Bohunt School, Liphook

1.30 - 3.00pm

Amery Hill School, Alton

Ally Sherrick is the author of two highly acclaimed historical titles: *Black Powder* set during the Gunpowder plot and winner of the Young Quills 2017 Awards, and *The Buried Crown* – a tale of Anglo-Saxon treasure and wartime skulduggery. In her sessions Ally explores the historical context for both her novels and the importance of research and editing, as well as talking about her personal journey as a writer. This talk is aimed at Year 6 and 7 pupils.



KIERAN LARWOOD

THURSDAY 7TH MARCH 2019 World Book Day

Years 5/6

10.00 - 11.30am

Fair Oak Junior School, Eastleigh

1.30 - 3.00pm

Merdon Junior School, Chandlers Ford

Kieran Larwood worked for 15 years as a reception teacher on the Isle of Wight before becoming a full time writer. 'Stories aren't all about fighting and revenge. You have to have a bit of character development, some suspense, some atmosphere', so says the storytelling bard in Kieran Larwood's award winning book *Podkin One-Ear*. Kieran's brilliant stories give the reader just that - adventure and suspense with great rabbit heroes and villains! *Podkin One-Ear*, the first title in Kieran's *The Five Realms* series won the Blue Peter Award in 2017 for Best Story. The second book in *The Five Realms* series is *The Gift of Dark Hollow*.



BOOKING YOUR TICKETS

Ticket Prices

For all Meet the Author events the ticket prices are as follows:

- £2.00 per pupil from subscribing schools (accompanying adults are free). Tickets will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.
- £3.00 per pupil from non-subscribing schools (accompanying adults are free). Priority will be given to schools subscribing to the SLS.

Booking Instructions

- Tickets can only be booked through completion of an Internal Customer Request Form (IBC). In the Description of Service box, please state the name of your school, with a contact email, details of the event you wish to book, let us know if it's the morning or afternoon session, number of tickets and age of pupils.
- Only on receipt of this Internal Customer Request Form are we able to book tickets.
- Please email the Internal Customer Request Form to SLS.events@hants.gov.uk and we will send booking confirmation and Meet the Author Terms of Agreement.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call SLS HQ on **01962 826660** or send an email to SLS.events@hants.gov.uk.