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To: Head Teachers, Year 4 Teachers, Library Co-ordinators, and Library Staff.

Dear Colleague

HAMPSHIRE INFORMATION BOOK AWARD 2020

You are invited to participate in the Hampshire Information Book Award 2020. The award, now in its 8th year, is aimed at Year 4 pupils. It is designed to allow pupils access to inspirational and imaginative non-fiction books and to decide the winner themselves.

The award aims to:

- develop pupils' critical abilities of non-chronological texts using speaking and listening skills.
- develop skills enabling children to evaluate information sources.
- develop pupils' confidence in using information texts.
- celebrate the value of information books in an electronic age.

Participating pupils will:

- read, share and evaluate five books in the spring term
- be involved in focused class discussions
- participate in linked, cross-curricular activities provided by School library Service
- judge and vote according to the evaluation criteria
- receive a bookmark showing the shortlisted titles and extended reading
- receive a certificate celebrating their individual contribution to the 2020 award

Participating schools can expect:

- two sets of the five selected titles to keep in school - these will be supplied jacketed
- criteria to encourage pupils to critically evaluate and explore books
- synopses of each book
- suggestions for further activities linked to the wider curriculum provided in collaboration with an experienced teacher from a Hampshire School.
- to receive a school certificate recognising your school's participation in the 2020 award
- posters featuring the shortlisted titles for promotion in school
- all documentation and correspondence to be sent electronically

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To take part in this exciting award, schools will be asked to contribute a fee of £120 to include **two** new sets of the 5 shortlisted titles. **These books will arrive jacketed and are for the school to keep.**

Additional sets of the books can also be ordered at a discount price.

For schools with fifteen pupils or fewer in Year 4, we offer a small school subscriber rate of £80. You will receive **one** set of the shortlisted books instead of two. To apply for a small school subscriber application form please email sls.events@hants.gov.uk

To apply for your school to participate, please complete and return the attached form by Friday 18th October 2019.

Completed forms should be emailed to sls.events@hants.gov.uk

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 18th October 2019.

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: sls.events@hants.gov.uk

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Yours faithfully,
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