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*"Barnabas, the Encourager"*

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Dear Parents

### **Outdoor Day & Poet Visit – Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2018**

On Thursday we will be having some events to officially open our new outdoor classroom. Each class will be spending some time outdoors so it would be useful for children to have some shoes that are ok to get a little dirty and a warm coat.

Children in Y4 Shakespeare Class will be working with Ian Johnson from the Betty's Seedlings in Schools Project to plant a variety of trees around the grounds. In addition, Edible York have given us a gift of 2 fruit trees to say 'Thank You' to the children in Year 2 last year who designed the container for the community orchard on Salisbury Road. Bill Eve will plant these with the help of Y5 and 6 School Councillors.

In addition, we are delighted that York Culture Award winner Anneliese Emmans Dean will be visiting our school on this day. She will start the day with a whole school poetry performance (parents are welcome to attend from 9-9:45am), performing poems from her award-winning books *Buzzing!* ('Discover the Poetry in Garden Minibeasts') and *Flying High!* ('Discover the Poetry in British Birds'). She will then put on poetry workshops with some of the classes who will hopefully gain inspiration from the wildlife in our school grounds. She has also offered to sign copies of her books for our pupils – at a special schools' discount price.

If you would like to purchase copies of Anneliese's books, to be signed and dedicated to your child, please fill in the reply slip attached / sent home today, indicating how many books you would like and who you would like the book/s dedicated to. Please include cash, or a cheque payable to: 'theBigBuzz'.

*Buzzing!* won the 2015 NS Teachers' Book Prize for poetry and was shortlisted for the Royal Society Young People's Book Prize. The Foreword is by the Bumblebee Conservation Trust, and it's a National Insect Week recommended book.

*Flying High!* won the 2017 York Culture Award for Excellence in Writing. The Foreword is by RSPB Vice-President Prof. Sir John Lawton, who calls it 'a marvellous book'.

Both books are full-colour paperback featuring a mixture of 'edu-taining' poems, fascinating facts and stunning photos. You can find out more, see samples and read reviews at:  
[www.theBigBuzz.biz/books.html](http://www.theBigBuzz.biz/books.html)

They each retail at £9.99, but Anneliese is offering us a special discounted price of £8.00 each, or both books for £15 (a saving of £4.98). Please return the slip and payment by Wednesday so Anneliese can bring enough books.

Yours sincerely

Miss K Boardman  
Headteacher

## **POETRY BOOKS ORDER FORM (see email 29.1.18)**

Please return this slip to school by Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January

Alternatively you can order online at: <http://www.theBigBuzz.biz/school-books.html>

Pupil's name:

Class:

I would like \_\_\_\_ signed, dedicated copy/ies of *Buzzing!* at discounted price of £8 each

I would like \_\_\_\_ signed, dedicated copy/ies of *Flying High!* at discounted price of £8 each

I would like \_\_\_\_ signed, dedicated copies of *Buzzing!* & *Flying High!*, at discounted price of £15 for both books

Please dedicate the book/s to:

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