

Author visit – Friday 3rd October

Dear Parents,

Maidstone Literacy Festival will be running between the 4th and 11th October this year and to help celebrate, Key Stage 2 children have been lucky enough to win a visit from author Gianna Pollero. Gianna is the writer of the *Monster Doughnuts* book series and will be coming into school on Friday 3rd October to share her stories with the children, as well as her experiences of becoming an author.

This is a fantastic opportunity to inspire our pupils by showing them that writing is not only enjoyable but also something they themselves can achieve. Author visits help bring books to life, spark creativity and encourage a lifelong love of reading and writing.

To make the most of this exciting visit, children will have the opportunity to purchase a signed copy of Gianna Pollero's *Monster Doughnuts* books. Having their own book to take home not only makes the event more memorable but also helps to foster a lasting love of reading. While book purchases are a wonderful way to support visiting authors, there is absolutely no obligation to buy. Children are also very welcome to bring in a copy from home to be signed if they already own one.

Books can be purchased in advance through the festival's online bookshop, where you can search for our school and order directly at a reduced rate. All orders will be delivered to school ahead of the event, ready for pupils to receive and have signed by Gianna Pollero on the day. A flyer with full details, including a QR code linking to the bookshop, is attached to this email.

Please note that orders need to be placed by **Friday 19th September**.

Kind regards

Mrs Spelman