1st February 2019

Dear Parent/Carer,

**BBC Radio 2 500 Words Competition 2019**

This year, children in Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 are invited to participate in the ‘500 Words Writing Competition’, which is organised by BBC Radio 2. ‘500 Words’ is the UK’s most successful short story writing competition for children aged between 5 and 13. It is designed to support and encourage the development of writing skills, imagination and creativity.

The competition was launched back in 2011, after Chris Evans dreamt of getting all children excited about reading and writing, no matter what their ability, experience or background. In 2018 134,790 children entered the competition and since it launched, the competition has received over 800,000 short stories. It’s super simple. All entrants must pen an original story, no more than 500 words in length, and submit it online. Stories are judged anonymously, without regard to grammar, punctuation or spelling. There are 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes up for grabs too!

The children will be completing the writing in school and we will submit the entries online but, in order for us to send the writing in for the competition, each child will need a permission form completed by a parent/carer. The permission form is attached to this letter. Please find further details of the competition on this website:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p00rfvk1>

If you want your child to participate in this competition, please ensure that the permission form is returned to school no later than **Friday 8th February 2019**. We will only be able to submit entries for children who have returned the permission slip by the deadline above. It would be fantastic to send off as many entries as possible! If you have any further questions then please speak to your class teacher.

Yours sincerely,

(Mrs Martin)

English Lead

**Entry Form - BBC Radio 2 500 Words Competition 2019**

By signing this form, you confirm that you have read, understood and agreed to the contents of the information provided above. Please return this form to the **office or your class teacher** by **Friday 8th February 2019**.

Entrant’s Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Age:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

To be completed by Entrant only:

□ **I, the named Entrant, declare that my entry is entirely my own work.**

Parent/Carer signed: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_