



Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

### **James Campbell, Author visit – Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2024**

We are delighted to welcome James Campbell to our school on the morning of Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2024. James is an author, storyteller and comedian who will provide an entertaining assembly for children in Key Stage 2 and, later in the morning, for children in Foundation and Key Stage 1. We look forward to starting the first day of the new term with vigour and inspiring our children's creativity and love of books.

#### **Opportunity to buy a signed book**

Children will have the opportunity to buy personally signed copies of James' books. **Should you wish to purchase a book, you will need to log on to School Money and select the book/s you would like.** I will then confirm the dedication that you would like within the book and collate the orders to send to the author. The deadline for ordering signed books is Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April.

Of course, pupils are under no obligation to buy a book but we do want to provide you with this opportunity to avoid disappointment. Often, pupils are very inspired to read the author's book after such a visit and this is a unique opportunity for them to have a signed book.

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#### **About James Campbell's books**

James' books are available in all the usual bookshops and online places, including his own website [www.jamescampbellauthor.com](http://www.jamescampbellauthor.com) where books purchased can be signed by him and dedicated to your child. However, here is an overview of the books that can be ordered via school money until Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April.

**The Funny Life of Football** is a hilarious fact and fiction hybrid. Whether you love a game of TABLE FOOTBALL, can't get enough of BACK-GARDEN BALL, only enjoy the game from your SOFA or would sooner swim with sharks than play it, if you LOVE to LAUGH – then this is the book for you! **This book costs £8.**

**Write Your Own Funny Stories** is a hilarious mixture of creative writing inspiration and exercise book. The idea is that as your child works their way through reading the book they also write their own funny book. It's a great project for anyone between Y2 and Y6. **This book costs £7.**

**The Funny Life of Sharks** is great for anyone who loves sharks, is terrified of sharks or anyone in between. Join James on his journey to discover more about these amazing animals. Great for anyone Y2 and above. **This book costs £8.**

**The Funny Life of Teachers** is a hilarious look at the world of teachers that everyone from Y2 to Y6 will love. It's particularly good for reluctant readers. Don't however, let teachers read it! **This book costs £8.**

**The Funny Life of Pets** is the first book in this series and looks at humour to be found in cats, dogs, hamsters etc. **This book costs £8.**

**The Umbrella Tree** is a delightful picture book for children aged 3-7 years. An Umbrella Tree is just like a normal tree except it doesn't have flowers or blossom. It has umbrellas! Enter the crazy world of a cat who gets stuck up a magical tree and the family who follow him up there! **This book costs £8.** The paperback version can be purchased for the specially reduced price of ~~£7.99~~ **£6.00** for this event. It's the perfect book to inspire future storytellers!

**New release: Don't Panic! We can save the planet** - Tired of FREAKING OUT about climate change? Want to stop being an eco-WORRIER and start being an eco-WARRIOR? And do you absolutely, positively LOVE laughing? Then this hands-on and hilarious guide to saving the world is for YOU! **This book costs £8.**

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Research shows that author events in schools inspire children and help them on their journey to a love of reading. We hope your child will benefit greatly from this visit.

Thank you for your support,

Mrs Low  
Reading Lead