

Ridgeway Infant School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Y2 Meet the Author Event

The Derby Book Festival will be running from Monday 31st May until Saturday 8th June with lots of exciting events happening in the city to celebrate the joy of books and reading for all ages and interests. We are very lucky to have received a number of free tickets to take a group of our Year 2 children to an event at the Derby Theatre on Thursday 6th June to meet the author Jeanne Willis. The trip will be during the school day and children will be accompanied by three members of school staff, including a trained first aider.

If your child is interested in attending the event, they need to complete the competition entry form, sent home today, and return it to Miss Bailey by **Friday 17th May**. Children need to write their top three questions that they would ask an author if they had the chance to interview them. The children who write the most interesting and/or unusual questions will be notified on **Tuesday 21st May** in order for consent to be gained prior to the trip.

The event itself will be a great opportunity for children to be inspired by a real author and help us to continue to promote a love of reading for pleasure to the children.

If you require any more information, please contact me on the email address below or on Class 6's door at the end of the school day.

Yours sincerely,

Miss M Bailey

English Leader

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Jeanne Willis <http://jeannewillis.com/>



Jeanne Willis has written over 400 books including picture books, novelty books, poems and novels and has won glittering prizes but still hasn't been honoured by the Queen. She got married at London Zoo, has two grown-up children and writes in her attic with a rabbit on her lap, a cat on her chair and a jar of caterpillars on her desk for inspiration. She has won several awards, including the **Children's Book Award**, the **Silver Smarties Prize** and has also been shortlisted for the **Whitbread Award**.