



# Lickey Hills Primary School & Nursery

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BBC 500 Words Writing Competition.

Dear KS2 Children, Parents and Carers,

Eight years ago, BBC Radio 2 had a dream: to get children excited about reading and writing. All children, no matter what their ability. 500 Words is now one of the most successful story-writing competitions for kids in the world: Three quarters of a million children have written a story for us over the years! This year I am really hoping that the wonderful children of Lickey Hills will join this fantastic competition.

The task is very simple. Entrants need to write an original story on any subject or theme in 500 Words or fewer. If they win, their story will be read live on the radio by a superstar celebrity...like Julie Walters, Tom Hiddleston, Sir Kenneth Branagh, Jeremy Irons, or Sherlock himself - Benedict Cumberbatch. Each year, 10 million Radio 2 listeners hear, read and love these stories. Alongside the main competition, we will also be running an internal competition at school to celebrate the entries from our children. The top 3, as judged by the staff, will receive a prize at school. However, I cannot promise celebrities like the main competition!

The deadline for the entries to be submitted is the **8<sup>th</sup> of March**. Submissions must be electronic and I have set up a school submission account so I can submit the entries for the children in addition to them having time in half-term to produce their piece. When the writing is finished and word processed, please email the document to [500words@lickeyhills.worcs.sch.uk](mailto:500words@lickeyhills.worcs.sch.uk), I will then submit it to the BBC competition. When you email can I ask you to write your child's name and class as the subject so I can identify who has taken part easily.

Attached on this letter, which is also available on the school website, are two things to help the children by mirroring what they use to aid them in their writing at school. Firstly, a 'WAGOLL' (What a good one looks like) is attached, which is one of the winning entries from a previous year's competition. Secondly, I have created a general 'VCOP' sheet which has a success criteria on it, the children use these all the time in school. This is very general and I have tried to encompass elements for all children across the key stage, I have also left some empty spaces for children to enter things onto the success criteria themselves.

To be clear, this is not a part of the Home Learning grid tasks but an extra competition which is completely up to the children and yourselves to take part in it. Personally, after reading the writing across the Key Stage, I really think we could have some winning entries. Last year we had two children reach the final 100 entries, we could go that step further this year!

If there are still any questions please come and see me or send an email to the office and I will get back to you. Alternatively, if you go on to the 500 words competition website there is everything you need to know on there.

Best Wishes and Good Luck!

Mr Brewer

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