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Dear Parents/Carers,

Tomorrow is National Poetry Day and I am absolutely thrilled that I have been able to organise for James Carter to come into school (next week!).

James is an award-winning poet, non-fiction writer and ambassador for National Poetry Day. He travels all over the UK with his melodica (that's Steve) to give lively performances and workshops. In the last 20 years he has visited over 1400 schools, and performed at various prestigious literary festivals

I have been lucky enough to see James speak / perform and he is very interesting, knowledgeable and very amusing! James will be visiting the school next Friday, 10th October. In a small school James would normally spend half a day but he thinks our school looks so fantastic he is going to stay all day. James will start the day with a whole school assembly, EACH class will then have TWO sessions with James and he will finish the day at 2:45 pm with a school 'Big read finale!' to which parents are invited

We are asking for a voluntary contribution of £7 per child to cover the cost of having James in school. This contribution should be made via your child's Scopay Account.

This is a day that all the children will hugely benefit from and they will also have a fantastic time. I hope some of you will be able to come along at the end of the day to see what James and the children have been up to.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate in coming to see me.

Small school  Big heart

Yours sincerely

H. Bulpitt

Mrs Holly Bulpitt
Head of School



