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## School Trip

Dear Parent(s) / Guardian(s) of children in Year 4

I am writing to you with details of the **Year 4 trip to The Cheltenham Literature Festival on Monday 8th October**, the event taking place from 12.00noon to 13.00 in Montpellier Gardens.

Before giving you those details may I say how keen I am to see all DCPS pupils discovering the pleasure of private reading – and then developing/maturing as keen young readers. I often give pupils the following three gentle (but firm!) reminders: **“No.1 - remember our ‘Dean Close minimum expectations’ – at least 10 minutes reading at bedtime, most nights of the week; No. 2 - make sure you put your screens outside your bedroom door; No.3 – all parents love seeing their children reading!”** I am sure that you will do what you can to encourage your child to read at home – thank you.

Year Four pupils are really going to enjoy hearing the award-winning writer, **Andy Stanton**, talking about his work. Stanton is a highly entertaining speaker and an author whose novels have got many young children hooked on reading. You might like to look him up on line, with your child, in advance of the trip.

Here is a brief summary from this year’s festival brochure: **“Join the ridiculously funny Andy Stanton for an hour of joyous nonsense as he talks about the best-selling, multi award-winning Mr Gum series, as well as his new book, Natboff! One Million Years of Stupidity. There’ll be plenty of laughter, silly voices and horrible, horrible singing – in short, business as usual! [mrgum.co.uk/author](http://mrgum.co.uk/author).”**

A few other useful points:

- Pupils will be leaving and returning during normal school hours, by coach, so no special pick-up arrangements will be required.
- Regarding uniform, the event will be inside a festival marquee - pupils will wear normal smart school clothes.
- We will not have time to visit the festival bookstore; children must not bring money, cameras



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or any other electrical items.

- If your child suffers from asthma, please ensure that they bring an inhaler with them for the trip. Staff will, of course, check all medical requirements.

Kind regards,

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