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This is to let you know about a range of opportunities to work in partnership with Norfolk School Library Service to bring well known, published authors into your school. The benefits to Students include inspiration and for some it can be a transformative experience.



### We are delighted to announce our new Author in Residence: Dee Shulman.

She will be with us for a number of days until July 2014. Dee's very popular *Polly Price* series is the basis for her presentations and workshops for children in KS2. '*Polly is a girl with an EXTREMELY tragic life, but much to her DISGUST people keep getting hold of her SECRET diaries and LAUGHING- Certain boys (who shall remain nameless) have even been heard to shamelessly SNIGGER.' Her KS1 presentations and workshops are based on Hetty the Yeti- a small, brave yeti, with a VERY big problem.* 

Dee's presentations about her work as an author are suitable for small & large groups and she can also deliver class-sized writing workshop sessions.

We are continuing our very successful partnership with Steve Parker, award winning author of over 250 non- fiction books.

"The children all enjoyed the experience of meeting a 'real life' author. Steve was very entertaining and during the class talks provided useful tips on how to start writing, which we will refer back to in Literacy lessons." Lingwood Primary, Nov 2013.

Steve has dates available in the summer term and can work with large and small groups. He will leave copies of some of his books in school at the end of the visit.

He says: "Something different from poets, storytellers, illustrators and novelists? Try non-fiction. It's 'literacy plus': fact-finding, research, teamwork, negotiation, co-operative learning, and more. There's no set routine, each visit is tailored. But a full day is assured, as many sessions

as we can fit in. We choose science topics from your current list – I'm familiar with many aspects, from dinosaurs and volcanoes to chemicals, conservation and space,

or go elsewhere. We select topics such as research and information-gathering (often a knotty problem these days), design, artworks and photos, and general publishing on screen and on paper. Plenty of interaction and fun, with group work to emphasize – perhaps unexpectedly – the team nature of my work".



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Talented local author, Sheridan Winn, author of the "Sprite Sisters" series, is available to work in schools for half a day at a time.

Sheridan's characters are full of magical powers and she is happy to work with KS2 class sized groups in writing workshops particularly around developing plot and character. A small selection of Sheridan's books will be sent in advance of her visit for you to keep.

### Supporting the visits

SLS can act as broker, and authors can be shared between 2 or more schools for a morning and afternoon session, or go to a central venue and bus smaller groups in.

### **Prices**

A whole day visit is 5 tokens, £385 Half a day is 3 tokens, £231

The costs can be shared between schools and can be paid for with any funds available to the school, including your Cluster or Pupil Premium funding.

Please use the attached "Yes please, we're interested!" form if you would like more information about these very special opportunities

You would need to:

- Timetable and publicize the visit in your school.
- Prepare children so that some have seen or read the visitors books- many of you will have something by these authors in your libraries- borrow some from us if not!
- Organise time and space for a 'bookshop' for the visitor to sign and sell some of their books.

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