

# Book Bites

Tasty morsels from Norfolk School Library Service

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## Is your school converting to a primary?

We've had great feedback from schools converting from infant to primary for the help we have given getting their libraries ready for a new key stage. Our expert SLS librarians can come to your school and complete a detailed and impartial weed and audit. They will remove old and out-of-date books, and leave you with a comprehensive document advising you how to update your stock in line with the curriculum whilst making sure that your school library is packed with books your students will really want to read. The audit document will also give you advice on library layout and furnishings. This costs 4 tokens for a day and includes a 22% discount from Peters Booksellers. These items will be delivered to you complete with jackets and personalised labels so you can shelve them right away.

Need help with funding? Don't forget about 'The Foyle Schools Library Programme'. They are currently offering grants for schools to improve their library. These grants range from 3K – 10K <http://www.foylefoundation.org.uk/how-to-apply/state-schools.php>

## Author visits

Last term was very busy for our hard working local authors! At the last count we had about 54 visits, with about 8 visits each week during most weeks in March. Visits are now booking for June, and even one in October! These authors are changing children's lives, as authors not only create amazing books but also work directly with children and schools to inspire reading and writing.

Schools are delighted to have authors visit, and evaluations, when we get them, are almost without exception enthusiastic and positive, speaking about children being inspired to read and write. Of their recent visit by Sheridan Winn, Homefield Primary said: "*Sheridan Winn is a must for raising the profile of writing and inspiring the children to write with imagination*".

If you would like an Author to visit your school, contact us for details of our current offer.

## Choices, choices...

How to choose a book from shelves full of lovely bright covers and spines? And *quickly*? When pupils come onto our SLS mobile library, we've just made it easier and even more fun for pupils by having some jolly library bags on board into which pupils can place their books as they go, leaving arms and minds free to select, open and browse more books.

They are proving very popular with our young users. How to select appropriate resources is an important life skill, and we aim to make it enjoyable and rewarding.



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## Summer term INSET

<b>Fairy Tales for KS1</b> Tuesday 9th June 2015 4.15pm– 6.15pm, SLS Training Room, County Hall, <b>Norwich</b>	An after school twilight course for KS1 teachers, teaching assistants and literacy co-ordinators exploring fairy tales through drama. Includes a <b>FREE</b> project loan of 12 books, selected by delegates. Parking available on site. <b>Cost: 1 SLS Token</b>
<b>Peters Book Buying Trip</b> Wednesday 17th June 2015 Peters Showroom, Birmingham <b>(leaving Norwich early morning)</b>	A <b>FREE</b> trip to Peters Children's Bookselling Services & Furniture Showroom (Kit Shop) in Birmingham where you will receive 22% discount on book purchases and 5% on furniture. Book early as spaces on the bus are limited. <b>Cost: FREE to SLS Customers</b>
<b>Making the most of Junior Librarian</b> Thursday 18th June 2015 9am-12pm, SLS Training Room, County Hall, <b>Norwich</b>	A half-day course to help your school get maximum value from the full range of features of this library management software. This course is suitable for users of the Junior3 version of the system; if you are using the .net version please call to discuss training. <b>Cost: 1 SLS Token.</b>
<b>Chatterbooks Training Day</b> Thursday 2nd July 2015 10.30am– 4pm <b>Norwich City Football Club</b> Study Centre Training Room, Carrow Road, Norwich	Chatterbooks is the UK's largest network of children's reading groups. This day course for Teachers, TAs, Librarians and Volunteers will support schools and libraries to set up Chatterbooks Reading Groups, a flexible model that can be adapted for children from 4 up to 12 years. <b>Cost: 2 SLS Tokens, lunch provided.</b>

## Free computer science resources

The Barefoot Computing project is helping teachers to teach the computer science elements of the new primary computing curriculum. They have developed free high-quality, practical resources and computer science workshops to support primary school teachers in England. The project is funded by the Department for Education and is being run by the BCS, The Chartered Institute for IT and supported by Computing at School. Did we mention that it is FREE?

To register, visit <http://barefootcas.org.uk/>



## Norfolk's Great Big Read– library visit winners!

Congratulations to Mundesley Infant School who are the winners of our Great Big Read library visit prize draw; they let us know that they visited their local branch, Mundesley Library, and as a result have won **2 SLS tokens!**

## Summer term courier dates for your diary

The delivery/collection dates for the summer term are below. If you have anything to return or would like project boxes or stationery orders to be sent to your school, please make requests in good time. If you are an Academy with items to return, please call the office to arrange a collection.

**15th/18th May    17th/18th June    16/17th July**

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