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Dear Parent/Carer

We are delighted to inform you that we will be visited by the author Tamsin Cooke on Monday 23rd April 2018. Born in Lancashire to a Polish mum and English dad, Tamsin spent some of the first twelve years of her life in different countries. After secondary school and a year as a nanny in America, Tamsin moved to Bristol and studied English literature and teacher training. She was a primary school teacher for a number of years. She now writes full time and lives in Somerset.

Tamsin will give a talk to pupils in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6, and there will be the opportunity for the pupils to ask her questions, and to take part in a book-signing occasion. Tamsin says, *"This is an interactive assembly where I offer tips on writing, using both Cat Burglar and Stunt Double. We talk about inspiration, research and imagination. We delve into the world of spirit animals, cat burglars and thrilling stunts. I use props, dressing up and drama, and together we let our imaginations run wild."*

'Stunt Double' was Tamsin's debut novel.

Finn is a free-running black belt, with a talent for acting-but when his big break arrives, it's not the role he was expecting at all. Recruited as a stunt double, he's pushed to his limits - scaling walls at high speed, jumping from dizzying heights, and diving into rocky waters - all without any safety gear. He's determined to push himself, but as the stunts get more dangerous, the lines between movie and reality are really starting to blur, and it becomes clear that he'll be lucky to escape this shoot with his life.

'Cat Burglar' by Tamsin is Somerset's Big Read for 2017/2018.

Scarlet McCall thinks she has it all figured out. She and her Dad are on a mission to return stolen treasures to their rightful owners. But when they take an ancient Aztec bracelet, her world turns upside down. Dad goes missing, and mysterious powers erupt inside her. She's hunted by sinister people, who will stop at nothing to possess the bracelet. Searching for her Dad, Scarlet must learn who to trust before it's all too late.

Chard Bookshop will also be in attendance at the presentation. They will have copies of both books for £6.99, which you can pre-order, and they will also be bringing copies of the book along to the talk so that pupils can purchase them in school. Please give them a ring on 07546 396969, or pop into the shop, situated at 3 Pig Lane, Chard.

This is an amazing opportunity for our pupils which we hope will support and encourage their reading and writing skills. If you have any questions about Tamsin Cooke's visit, or any other aspect of your child's learning, please speak to me or their class teacher.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Terry
English Lead