



WHITMORE PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents / Carers

500 Words Competition

BBC Radio 2 are running their annual '500 Words' competition, which children can enter by writing an original story, on any subject or theme, of 500 words or fewer. More details can be found at the following web address <http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p00rfvk1>

Last year, more than 123,000 children took part in two categories: ages 5-9 and 10-13. The three winners in each category will have their story read live on the radio by a superstar celebrity. We would like to encourage as many children as possible to take part.

Some classes have done some work on the 500 words story already and many children have completed their entry. The closing date is **Thursday 23rd February 2017 at 7pm**. If your child wishes to take part and has not yet done so, there are two options available. Either you can submit your child's entry yourself using the link above, or you can email it to me at Radio2-500@WhitmorePark.org. Any entries emailed to me by the end of Wednesday 22nd February 2017 will be submitted. All I will need is the name of the child, their age, and of course their story!

Full rules are available on the BBC Radio 2 website, but these are just a few key points to note. Stories must be completely original and the child's own work. Spelling and grammar are not taken into consideration. Entries must not be an account of real events – either historical or current. However, stories can feature well known public figures from the present day or from history, take place in historical eras or use real-life experiences in their story, provided the story is fictional. Entries will be judged on the following criteria:

- Originality
- Plot
- Language
- Characterisation
- Enjoyment

This is a real opportunity for children to express themselves creatively as independent writers. We wish the best of luck to everyone.

Wishing yourselves and the children a wonderful half-term.

Yours sincerely

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