**UpdaTED May 2017**

Dear Book Group Chair

Please find below the UPdaTED for May to be forwarded to all members of your book group

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| **Children’s Book Award Voting Deadline**The final date for the CBA voting is 12th May at 12 o'clock for online voting via the web site and 13th May via your group. If you are a group member please submit votes via your group. Remember only children can vote and they need to have read all the books in a category. To keep up to date with the award on Twitter follow @CBACoordinatoror use the hashtag #fcbgcba17. |
| **50th celebrations** Next meeting of the planning group is on 24th May. Don’t forget to send any ideas to me as soon as possible. |
| **NSSM**May is here and we’re all looking forward to celebrating National Share a Story Month.  Have a look at the NSSM page of the FCBG website for ideas, links and downloadable sheets which will hopefully inspire you to arrange an exciting event to celebrate Pictures and Stories in whatever format you choose.Please let us know what you have planned and afterwards we’d love to read a short report and we’ll share any photos you send us too. nssm@fcbg.org.ukPlease follow our Alphabet of Illustrators on Twitter through May and tweet about your own celebrations and events @FCBGNews |
|  **New Book****A Song For Will was published a few weeks ago and is already featuring on Radio 4 (With Great Pleasure, this Sunday) and has been nominated for the North Somerset Teacher's Award for 'Quality Fiction'. Aimed at slightly older children, this sensational picture book has been produced in partnership with The Lost Gardens of Heligan in Cornwall.** Set in WW1, the book tells the incredible story of the gardeners who went to war, many of whom never came back. The gardens were rediscovered in 1990 and are now a huge tourist attraction. |