**October UpdaTED 2016**

**Dear Group Chair**,

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| **History project**  I am looking for any details you can give me about what book groups did for NSSM in 1980, 1981,1982 Launch event ( group), theme, events and sponsorship would help enormously. |
| **Don’t forget our website**  Our blog is now working perfectly so if you haven’t subscribed already go to [www.fcbg.org.uk](http://www.fcbg.org.uk) to subscribe and to download all the goodies and competitions for NNFN 2016 |
| **Conference 2017**  **LP Student logo FINALOur 2017 conference ‘Write Around the World: Broadening Horizons’ will take place in Reading from Friday 7th to Sunday 9th April 2017 at**[**The Oratory School.**](http://www.oratory.co.uk)  **We already have a great line-up booked with speakers including:**  **2015 – 2017 UK Children’s Laureate Chris Riddell, historian and TV presenter Lucy Worsley, children’s authors D J Brazier, Caighlan Smith, Jo Cotterill and Jon Walter, performance poet A.F. Harrold and writer, editor and translator Daniel Hahn. Latest confirmations include Giancarlo Gemin, Martin Brown, Bev Humphrey and a Barrington Stoke and small publisher panel.**  **Keep an eye on Twitter and our blog to keep up to date with more speakers as they are confirmed.** [**Book now**](http://www.fcbg.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/FCBG-2017-conference-delegate-pricing-with-early-bird.doc) **for your Early Bird discount. The deadline is Friday 16th December for the discounted place and the final deadline is Friday 10th March 2017.**  **new_logo_toml_v1_highres-01The bookshop will be provided by** [**Tales on Moon Lane**](http://www.talesonmoonlane.co.uk)**.** |
| **Newsletters 2017**  I have received confirmation of quantities from 12 groups so far with a reminder of the deadline of Friday 28th October. |
| **November Mailing**  I will be sending out the following in the November mailing and would be very grateful if you could pass on the invoices to your treasurer as soon as possible.   * Invoice for book group subscription January –December 2017 * Invoice for newsletters 2017 * One copy of Carousel * One copy of our latest newsletter   I will be emailing to ask for a copy of your annual accounts if you have not already sent them to me as well as an updated Group Information form. |
| **Our 50th Celebration year**  The working party will be starting their planning in November. Please email any suggestions to [info@fcbg.org.uk](mailto:info@fcbg.org.uk) or let me know if you wish to join us. |
| **We have received the following information which your group may find of interest** |
| **Dates for your diary**  **South Ken Kids Festival 14 – 20 November at the Institut français** The South Ken Kids Festival is back from 14 to 20 November! Quentin Blake (the festival’s patron), Axel Scheffler, Serge Bloch, Bridget Marzo and many more will grace the Institut français with a wonderful array of events including drawing duos, workshops, performances, live drawings to jazz music impro, films and more!  Link: [www.southkenkidsfestival.co.uk](http://www.southkenkidsfestival.co.uk) |
| **The Children’s Bookshow** brings some of the best children’s authors from the UK and abroad to local theatre venues all around England giving children an amazing opportunity to hear diverse, multi-award winning world-class artists talk about their work. It started in September but here are the dates for October and November.   28th October  Benji Davies at The Curve Leicester  7th November Val Bloom at The Stafford Gatehouse  10th November  Michael Rosen at Corn Exchange, Newbury  16th November Michael Rosen at Lowestoft Marina  17th November  Marianne Dubuc and Sarah Ardizzone  at L'Institut Francais, London  18th November  Michael Rosen at The Old Vic, London  21st November  Bruce Ingman at Warwick Arts Centre, Coventry  More details are on the website <http://www.thechildrensbookshow.com> |
| **Don’t Forget this date**  **An exciting line up of speakers and a few places left.**  **Contact Marilyn on** [**info@nbc.co.uk**](mailto:info@nbc.co.uk) **for further information.**  cid:BE58EE4D-4B53-434D-8441-54DBE490D0CE@fritz.box |
| A Book of Christmas Jokes, Riddles and Rhymes  cid:part2.04010106.08000208@talktalk.net Written and compiled by John Foster  Illustrators include Gerald Scarfe, Korky Paul, Alex Brychta.  ​Rhymes about what happened:  When the reindeer went on strike.  What kind of pizza Good King Wenceslas ordered.  What Santa's mother said to him on Christmas morning.  Plus jokes and riddles guaranteed to make you giggle.  **Price £5 plus postage**  Proceeds being donated to Research projects being conducted at the Oxford Parkinson's Disease Centre  "An ideal stocking filler or to read between the Turkey and the Xmas Pudding."  Gnorman Gnome - the Elf Gazette  More about John Foster (Oxford CBG)  John Foster -                                           Author PictureJohn Foster is a highly regarded children’s poet and poetry performer who has performed his poems in over 500 schools and libraries and at the Cheltenham and Edinburgh festivals. He has edited over 100 poetry anthologies and published 12 books of his own poetry. In 2005 he was diagnosed with Parkinson’s and developed a severe tremor. In 2011 he had a brain operation to control the tremor (Deep Brain Stimulation) and has continued writing and performing. He has written and compiled Christmas Crackers in aid of Parkinson’s research. |