

January 2018

Shrewsbury Bookfest is now ready to launch its **PICTURE BOOK AWARD 2018** for key stage 1. The Picture Book Award project has been set up in response to demand from the education sector in Shropshire, to follow the aims and ideals (i.e. . to generate a love of reading for younger children) of the established KS2 Book Award, focusing on Years 1 and 2 (children aged 6 to 7 years old).

We have 17 primary schools across Shropshire signed up to and ready to take part in our **PICTURE BOOK AWARD 2018**.

We would like to invite you to submit titles to Shrewsbury Bookfest **Picture Book Award 2018**. The following criteria apply:

- Title(s) to have been first published in the UK between 1<sup>st</sup> January 2017 and 31<sup>st</sup> December 2017.
- Author must be resident in the UK.
- Books must be suitable for ages 6 to 7 years old.
- Stand-alone titles only – not part of a series.
- Available in paperback.
- Maximum number of submissions - 5 titles per publisher/imprint.
- We should be grateful if publishers could supply **three** copies of each nominated title by **Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2018**.

Please send nominated titles to: Joanna Hughes, The Old Greyhound, 20 Main Road, Dorrington, Shropshire, SY5 7JW

**Timeline:** (we have consulted with schools and made a careful programme for this project in order to make time allowances for KS2 SATS and KS1 phonics screening tests).

- **2nd March 2018:** Closing date for submissions for the longlist.
- **11<sup>th</sup> May 2018:** Announcement of shortlist (reading groups from local primary schools will choose the shortlist of 4 titles from the publishers' submissions).
- **June 2018:** Children from all participating schools across Shropshire will read and vote for the winning title.
- **9<sup>th</sup> July 2018:** The winner of the Shrewsbury Bookfest Book Award will be announced. All schools will be encouraged to run special assemblies during this week to celebrate the winner and the project.

#### Key Facts About Shrewsbury Bookfest Book Award Projects:

- The Shrewsbury Bookfest Book Award project for primary schools was first launched in 2010, increasing its reach and complexity each time in 2012, 2014, 2016 and 2018.
- Total number of participating **primary schools** in the Picture Book Award 2018: **17**
- Total number of participating **pupils** involved in the Picture Book Award 2018: **546**
- Number of titles to be on the Picture Book Award 2018 shortlist: **4**
- **Total number of copies of shortlisted titles that will be purchased by the Bookfest Picture Book Award 2018 project for participating schools will be: 437**

- The project is funded by a combination of trusts and foundations and by participating schools.
- When Shrewsbury Bookfest presented this project in June 2017 at The Guardian Newspaper's 'Reading for Pleasure' Conference as a beacon of excellence, a number of representatives from primary schools and libraries present indicated a wish to shadow this project from their locations across the country. This will give the project added exposure across the country.

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