

**NORTH NORFOLK CHILDREN'S BOOK GROUP
NEWSLETTER MAY 2010**

Dear Members,

Yet more news for your diary - we are so excited by this term's programme and hope you can fit in as many of these fantastic events as possible.

Steve Cole: 13th May 7.00pm for 7.30pm start. Aylsham Lodge Hotel.

The entertaining Steve Cole is coming! 'Astrosaurs' and 'Cows in Action' fans will obviously be desperate to meet Steve, but don't forget he's also a writer for Dr Who and can provide an insider's view of what goes on behind the scenes! His 'Werelings' series is popular with older children so it should be an interesting evening for all.

This event is for children Y3 and above.

BREAKING NEWS!!!

Morris Gleitzman: 11th June 7.00pm for 7.30pm start. North Walsham Junior School.

Phone us IMMEDIATELY (01263 761402) if you would like tickets for this event - it will book up VERY quickly!

Morris Gleitzman, highly acclaimed author of 'Two Weeks with the Queen', 'Waterwings', 'Boy Overboard', 'Toad Rage' (and many more) is popping over from Australia to visit our group! His latest trilogy which begins with 'Once' is a moving portrayal of a little Jewish boy's experiences during WW2. Morris has written the final part and will be talking about this sequence, along with his other writing. Since the 'Once' trilogy graphically describes the Nazi treatment of the Jews, Morris suggests that this event is suitable for Y6 and above, so do consider this carefully if you decide to bring Y5 children.

Kaye Umansky: 24th June 7.00pm for 7.30pm start. Y3 and above. Aylsham Lodge Hotel

We had such a wonderful time with Kaye last time she came to Norfolk that we asked her back - she was delighted to be asked - and said yes!

If you missed her before, this is your chance to join us for a hilarious evening with the author of 'Pongwiffy', 'Solomon Snow' and many ridiculous nonsensical rhyme collections. Adults and children alike enjoy Kaye's frolics.

Sophie McKenzie: 8th July 7.00pm for 7.30pm start. Aylsham Lodge Hotel.

Sophie is a hugely popular author for young teenagers. Since 'Blood Ties' won the Lancashire Children's Book Award Sophie's popularity has gone from

strength to strength. Fans will be familiar with 'Girl Missing' and 'The Medusa Project' series among others - and Sophie will be introducing the third in the 'Medusa Project' series as well as talking about her life as a writer. This is definitely one for the older children Y6 and above.

Joyce Dunbar: 15th July 6pm for 6.30pm start. Venue to be confirmed.

We are delighted that local author Joyce Dunbar has agreed to come up north to visit us - especially as she is inviting children in reception year and above. Joyce has many wonderful picture books to her name - nip into the library and check some out. Joyce will be sharing her stories with young enthusiasts, and describing her life as a picture book author to the older members of the audience.

As usual, to book tickets for all events and to get directions please telephone Norfolk Children's Book Centre on 01263 761402
Members and their children - all events free.
Non Members - £3.00 adults and £1.00 children.

Marilyn Brocklehurst

PS. For regular updates don't forget to visit our website www.nncbg.co.uk