



Dear Parents

Marie Basting, children's author, will be visiting us on Monday 16th October to talk to all the children in assembly and to work for the day with Class 3 in particular. Normally authors charge for their visits to school, but this visit was won through Twitter so we have been very lucky.

Turning the fairy tale on its head, Marie's book *Princess BMX* tells the story of bored Princess Avariella who discovers a gateway to the exciting *Other World*. There she meets the boy on the BMX and her hilarious adventures begin. With a truly EVIL aunty, deranged fairy godfather and a streak of feisty rebellion, it's a truly radical ride!

Published by Chicken House, and with quirky illustrations by Flavia Sorrentino, *Princess BMX* is ideal for readers aged 7+ and was listed by BookTrust and the Guardian in their 'best new books' category. Marie will be talking to the children about her writing journey and the inspiration behind the book. She hopes to encourage them to defy expectations, adopt a BMX mindset, and achieve their full potential. You can find out more about Marie at mariebasting.com.

I have arranged to have copies of the book available in school on the day for the children to buy and have signed and dedicated by Marie. The book could be an excellent Christmas gift...! Certainly, I hope that the children would like their own copy, not least as a thank you to Marie for so generously giving a day of her time. If your child would like a copy of *Princess BMX*, could you please send £6.99 as cash or a cheque payable to **Fulshaw Cof E Primary School**. It is fine if the money comes in either beforehand or on the day.

I am certain we will have an excellent day.

Mrs P Thomas

