



# Upda**TED**

November 2017



Dear Book Group Chair,

Please pass this issue of **UpdaTED** on to all your members.

## **FCBG 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Conference 13<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> April 2018**



**A message from Jane Etheridge, FCBG Chair.**

With our last issue you will have received a copy of the conference booking form along with confirmation of the following speakers:

**Michael Morpurgo, Judith Kerr, Zeb Soanes, James Mayhew, Jackie Morris, Jacqueline Wilson, Justin Somper, Sarah Crossan, Katherine Woodfine, Robin Stevens, Meg McLaren, Lizzie Stewart and Heather Crossley.**

Book by 16<sup>th</sup> December 2017 to qualify for the early bird rate.

Please contact me at [fcbgconference@gmail.com](mailto:fcbgconference@gmail.com) if you need more information.

2018 will be our Golden Anniversary conference and we hope to see as many of you as possible next year at this very special conference.

Best wishes,

Jane



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## **CBA News**

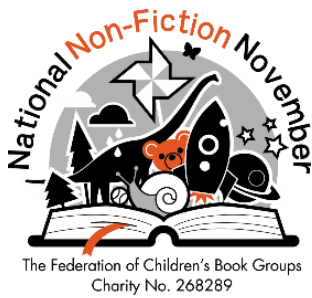
Don't forget that the fantastic new Children's Book Award website is now live at:

[www.childrensbookaward.org.uk](http://www.childrensbookaward.org.uk)

Check it out to discover brilliant resources and everything you could ever wish to know about the Children's Book Award. The website will also host the online voting for the award itself.



## NNFN News

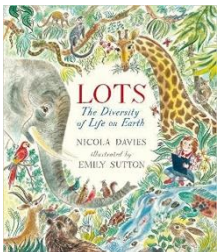


### National Non-Fiction November: The World Around Us

By the time you receive this we will be over half way through National Non-Fiction November, *but it isn't too late for your group to get involved!!*

We would like to remind you that:

- **The NNFN 2017 Resources Page** can be found at: <http://www.fcbg.org.uk/national-non-fiction-november-resources/>



- **The NNFN 2017 Competition** <http://www.fcbg.org.uk/national-non-fiction-november-2017-competition/> Closing date Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2017.
- **NNFN 2017 blog series** <http://www.fcbg.org.uk/blog/> Please take a few minutes to catch up on the fantastic articles that have already been posted.

We would love to hear from you about how you have been celebrating NNFN. Please email [chrisrouth@leightonpark.com](mailto:chrisrouth@leightonpark.com) with information about events and activities that you have organised or are planning.

Remember to follow @FCBGNews and use the hashtags #NNFN and #TheWorldAroundUs. There has been a real buzz about #NNFN on Twitter – don't miss out on the giveaways, recommendations and great ideas!!



## Win a new logo for your Children's Book Group

**Closing date: Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2017.**

To coincide with National Non-Fiction November, **Bloomsbury Children's Books** are inviting our Children's Book Groups to submit an application to have a new logo created by **Fatti Burke**, illustrator of *Facts: One for Every Day of the Year* by **Tracey Turner** (Bloomsbury, 2017). Group Chairs will have received the form, which should be returned to [chrisrouth@leightonpark.com](mailto:chrisrouth@leightonpark.com) by **Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2017** at the latest. We will submit the entries to Bloomsbury who will select the winner.

With FCBG's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary coming up next year, this is a great opportunity for one lucky group to have a new professionally designed logo to use on their newsletter, publicity material for events and social media.

**Don't miss out on this fantastic offer!**



## A message from Karen Hellewell to All Group Chairs

Dear Group Chair,

### Subscriptions

I will be sending out a reminder for the renewal of your group subscription by email and expect to receive payment by 1st January 2018. I will attach the group information form to be confirmed and returned to me at [info@fcbg.org.uk](mailto:info@fcbg.org.uk) and I need a copy of your certified accounts for 2017 for the AGM in April. Please also confirm the number of newsletters you want.

### Newsletters 2017

You will be receiving your latest newsletter mailing later this month. I will be sending a reminder invoice for those groups who have not yet paid.

### Newsletters 2018

As 2018 will be our special anniversary year, we will be producing 3 newsletters and we would appreciate prompt payment of the invoice.

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## The Little Rebels Children's Book Award



Nominations have now opened for The Little Rebels Award 2018. Darren Chetty, Patrice Lawrence and Emily Drabble have joined Catherine Johnson and B.J. Epstein on the judging panel for the award which is administered by Letterbox Library and Housmans Books on behalf of the Alliance of Radical Booksellers. Further information can be found at: [www.littlerebelsaward.wordpress.com](http://www.littlerebelsaward.wordpress.com)

and by following them on twitter [@littlerebelsprize](https://twitter.com/littlerebelsprize)

The winner will be announced on 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2018 at the London Radical Bookfair.

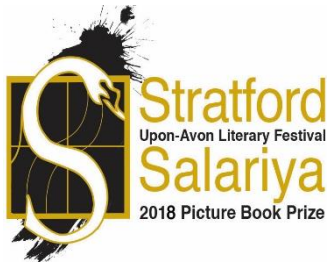
## Festival of Literature 2018 – Bishops Stortford College

Bookings are now open for the Festival of Literature which runs from 1<sup>st</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> February 2018. Details of all events for schools and evenings along with booking information are available on the website at:

<https://www.bishopsstortfordcollege.org/6680/festival-of-literature-2018>



## Salariya/Stratford Literary Festival Children's Book Prize 2018



The Stratford-upon-Avon Literary Festival and the Salariya Book Company have opened their 2018 Children's Picture Book Prize for submissions.

The Prize, which launched last year, is open to debut writers and illustrators, and the winning book will be published in 2019 by Salariya imprint, Scribblers. The winner will receive a £5000 advance against royalties, and the final date for entries is 5<sup>th</sup> March 2018 with the winner announced in April.

For details on how to apply go to: [www.stratlitfest.co.uk/bookcompetition](http://www.stratlitfest.co.uk/bookcompetition)

### ***A Christmas treat to share!***



We have a great resource pack based on **Matt Haig's** Christmas book ***Father Christmas and Me*** to share with you.

Attached with this issue of **UpdaTED** you will find a 12-page resource pack plus 2 puzzle pages and 2 colourful bookmarks to print out.

Great to keep kids occupied before or during the festive period.

For more information or POS, please contact the publishers on:  
[campaigns@canongate.co.uk](mailto:campaigns@canongate.co.uk)



Please send items for the December issue of **UpdaTED** to: [info@fcbg.org.uk](mailto:info@fcbg.org.uk)

and keep us **UpdaTED** with your news.

I look forward to hearing from you.

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