**September UpdaTED 2016**

**Dear Group Chair**,

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| **Celebrating 50 years of the Federation**  We are looking for volunteers to join a subcommittee to help us plan the events and activities of 2018 our 50th year. This will certainly involve emails, telephone calls and possibly 2 or 3 meetings over the next year.  If you would like to join the group please let me know in the first instance on [info@fcbg.org.uk](mailto:info@fcbg.org.uk) by October 1st 2016. |
| **To all Members of the Federation**  We need your help with ideas and suggestions for celebrating our 50th birthday on a national level, as well as activities and events for book groups. Please email me on [info@fcbg.org.uk](mailto:info@fcbg.org.uk) with your ideas. |
| **FCBG Executive Committee**  Due to increased work commitments Sue Wilsher has had to step down from the Exec. We would like to thank Sue for all her work on the committee and wish her well in her new role as lead teacher. Additionally Zoe Toft stepped down from the Executive Committee in April, but kindly agreed to coordinate NNFN for this year.  As a result we have a couple of vacancies on the Exec, including NNFN co-ordinator. Please get in touch if you would like more details about what is involved by contacting [info@fcbg.org.uk](mailto:info@fcbg.org.uk). You would be welcome to observe our next Exec Meeting on October 8th. |
| **National Non-Fiction November**  The Resource Pack for NNFN 2016 is now available to download from the FCBG website. Designed to help groups organise activities during the month, it's packed with ideas and information about making non-fiction books, which is this year's theme. |
| **We have received the following information which your group may find of interest** |
| The [Scottish Friendly Children’s Book Tour](http://www.scottishbooktrust.com/learning/teachers-librarians/scottish-friendly-childrens-book-tour) is bringing award-winning children's illustrator, author and current Children's Laureate, Chris Riddell, to schools in Scotland between 11- 15 September.  The tour, which is provided completely free of charge to the schools thanks to funding from Scottish Friendly Assurance, will provide the perfect opportunity for pupils across Scotland to hear from one of the UK’s most inspiring and imaginative artists. See [www.scottishbooktrust.com](http://www.scottishbooktrust.com/) for further details. |
| **Wolves & Apples 2016**  Wolves and Apples is an event for authors wanting to write for children and young adults with talks, panels and practical workshops by established writers, agents and publishers. Guests include Chris Priestley, Celia Rees, Kesia Lupo, Elys Dolan Ben Galley and Liz Flanagan.  It takes place on October 15th. 9.50am-5pm.  Full programme and booking details: [www.red-lighthouse.org.uk](http://www.red-lighthouse.org.uk/) |
| **The British Isles Chapter of the Society of Children’s Book Writers & Illustrators Annual Conference.**  **Creating Characters that Leap off the Page**.  The British Isles chapter of the SCBWI will be holding their 9th annual conference on 19-20thNovember at the University of Winchester. Keynote speakers this year are author David Almond, author/ illustrator Leigh Hodgkinson and founder of The Greenhouse Literary Agency Sarah Davies. Special guests to mark the 20th anniversary of SCBWI British Isles include Lin Oliver, author and co-founder of SCBWI.  Further details for 2016 Conference: <http://britishisles.scbwi.org/conference2016/programme/> |