

## Meet the Author



Michelle Waghorn reporting...

Last Tuesday, a minibus full of pupils from the Library's Book Club travelled to Great Baddow High School to meet author Hayley Long. Hayley's book, *Sophie Someone*, is one of the six short-listed books for this year's Essex Book Awards. Hayley spoke about all her books, her inspirations and encouraged everyone to chase their dreams. She came across as warm, friendly, genuine and very down to earth and likeable. Hayley also took time out to speak individually with pupils and sign copies of her books.

"It was great to meet an author, especially one as nice as Hayley Long is." *Eloise (7SCm)*. "I hope *Sophie Someone* wins the Essex Book Award!" *Maia (7SCm)*.

### Acting Headlines by Katharine Dines

This week I have had the privilege of being Acting Headteacher. Once again, the experience has given me the opportunity to reflect on the wealth of activities the pupils take part in at the school. Within lessons, I have observed pupils actively engaged in their learning, asking and responding to probing questions and enthusiastically rising to the high expectations set by their teachers. Outside the classroom, in this week alone, pupils have been attending the Essex Book Awards, taking part in various music and sports clubs, enjoying pottery and attending a careers event with representatives from the worlds of science, technology, engineering and maths. I recognise that none of these achievements would be possible without the support you provide which is much appreciated.

### PUNCTUALITY

Thank you for your support of our drive to improve punctuality to school which, I am pleased to report, has made a significant overall difference. Please see the box

overleaf for full details of when the gates are locked in the morning.

### HOMELEARNING

As you will know, one of our main School Development Targets for this year is to improve the quality and regularity of homework across the school. To this end, you may be interested to know that we are currently considering the introduction of an online system, *Show My Homework*, which has been successfully introduced in many other local schools. The main benefits of this will be further strengthening parental engagement through parental logon to view all tasks set, access to a wealth of the latest curriculum resources to support learning and the ability, within school, to monitor this important issue. We will keep you up to date with our progress in this area.

### Parents' Time

A member of the Leadership Team will be available to see parents without appointment:

9:00am-9:45am Monday - Friday

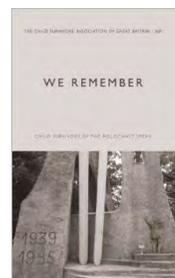
5:00pm-5:45pm Thursdays



## Book of the Week

WE REMEMBER -  
CHILD SURVIVORS OF THE HOLOCAUST SPEAK

To commemorate Holocaust Memorial Day, this book is a collection of extraordinary tales of kindness, courage and suffering, written by child survivors of the Holocaust. Steven Frank, (one of the book's contributors), visited Sweyne Park School in 2015, to share his experiences and kindly donated this book.

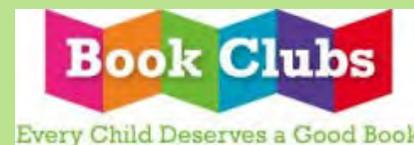


HOLOCAUST  
MEMORIAL DAY  
FRIDAY 27TH JANUARY 2017

### Our new Scholastic Book Club is up and running!

Go to: <http://schools.scholastic.co.uk/the-sweyne> to browse the latest books and order online. For every £1 you spend on this month's Book Club, our school will earn 20p in Scholastic Rewards.

Please place your order online  
by February 3rd, 2017.



27th January 2017

### DUTY PUPILS

Thank you for all your help:

Martha, Reece, Taylor-Louise,  
Ronnie, Jessica, Abby, Alice and  
Ethan 8JBo  
Ella and Joanne 8DGa

Pupil Services

### HONESTY BOX

THANK YOU:

Caitlin (9MJo) for finding  
and handing in some money.

Alfie (11RJo) for also finding  
and handing in a significant  
amount of money.

We are collecting the  
Sainsbury's sport and  
cooking vouchers. If you  
have any, please could you  
pass them on to the school.

Many thanks

### SCHOOL GATES

Please note that all gates to  
the school site are locked at  
8.40am for the safeguarding  
of our pupils. The only  
access for pupils arriving  
after this time is via the  
Cheapside West entrance.

THANK YOU

# German Christmas Market Trip 2016

## Heike Stenson reporting...

Forty pupils and four teachers travelled to the historic and picturesque town of Boppard, in the Middle Rhine Valley. We were the only residents in the small hotel Hunsrücker Hof in the pedestrianised town centre, close to the River Rhine.

Our days were filled with traversing the Rhine on a ferry, enjoying a picnic beneath the statue of Germania who keeps watch on the Rhine and taking the cable car back into town to spend time at the Christmas Market in Rudesheim. Other visits were to the Lindt Chocolate Museum, Cologne Cathedral and the Christmas Market next to the Cathedral, as well as another picnic along the river front in Cologne (despite the freezing temperature!). One evening was spent at a local bowling alley, another evening kept us busy answering quiz questions about our trip.

On 6th December Nicolaus visited the hotel and left fruit, nuts and sweets in our shoes!



Niederwalddenkmal, Rudesheim

## GROUP OF 2016



Creating personalised chocolate bars at the Lindt Chocolate Museum



Warming up with a cup of hot chocolate



Christmas Market next to Cologne Cathedral



Rhine Promenade, Boppard