

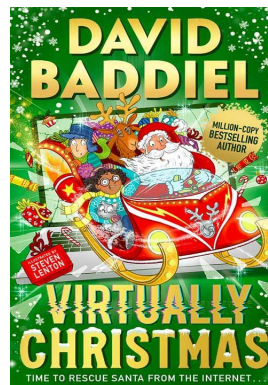


30th November 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to inform you of a very exciting opportunity that has been arranged for Year 5 and 6 children. On **Wednesday 7th December 2022** your child/ren will be attending a fantastic author visit at Hampton High School, with author/comedian **David Baddiel**. During this workshop the children will have the opportunity to listen to David read some of his new book and may even have the chance to ask questions.

The children will leave at 9:15am and will walk to Hampton High School. They will return by lunchtime. Please ensure your child is in full school uniform and suitable outer clothing - dependent upon the weather. Your child should also take a water bottle with them.



About the book:

Virtually Christmas, is the **NINETH** blockbusting novel from highly acclaimed author, comedian and screenwriter, David Baddiel.

This **HILARIOUS** new novel from million-copy bestselling author David Baddiel has been beautifully illustrated throughout by the multi-award-winning Steven Lenton and is sure to be this year's most perfect festive gift.

It used to be the most WONDERFUL time of the year, but for years Christmas has been taken over by Winterzone.

All the things that made Christmas special are gone: the human connection, the baubles passed down through generations, even the rubbish cracker jokes.

Instead, Christmas is run by robots, while 3D holograms of Santa Claus called Santavatars check if you've been naughty or nice – and on Christmas Eve, all of the presents are delivered by ZoneDrones instead of Santa's reindeer!

But when they stumble on a curious clue, eleven-year-old Etta and her friend Monty find themselves thrown into a fight to bring back Christmas. Racing against time and against the might of Winterzone, they must find the real Santa – before the true meaning of the festive season is lost forever . . .





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If you would like to purchase a copy of this book or some of David's other books, you can purchase these through the school office using a bank card - the same way we take payment for our Book Fairs on Monday and Tuesday of next week (after school).

If your child then remembers to take this book with them to the event (and time allows) there may be the opportunity for these to be signed. There is only limited availability on each book so when they are gone, they are gone!

The books available for sale are:

- Virtually Christmas *NEW* £12.99 (hardback)
- The Parent Agency £6.99
- The Person Controller £6.99
- AniMalcolm £6.99
- Birthday Boy £6.99
- Head Kid £6.99
- The Taylor Turbochaser £6.99
- Future Friend £6.99
- The Boy Who Got Accidentally Famous £7.99

Research shows that author events in schools inspire children and help them on their journey to a love of reading and I am sure you will agree this will be another wonderful way of developing our ethos of a strong reading community.

There is no payment or permission required for this and, as always, I really appreciate your support.

Best Wishes

Miss Kennedy

Year 6 Teacher/ Reading Champion

