



Dear Parent/Guardian,

I am delighted to announce that your child/children will be attending a virtual author visit with Hayley Hoskins on **Friday 4 November at 10:30am**.



The session will include:

An introduction to *The Whispering* from debut author, Hayley Hoskins and an invitation inside her Victorian Story Emporium.

Unpack a cabinet of curiosities to conjure up a spellbinding story by asking 'What if?'

Learn about the life of a young Victorian Whispering forced to hide her gift of talking to the other side and her quest to save her friend, feared languishing in a prison.

Listen to a mysterious reading from *The Whispering*.

More about the book:

The Whispering is a thrilling and mysterious adventure in a dark and dangerous Victorian world perfect for fans of Robin Stevens, Jenni Spangler and Emma Carroll.

When you're dead you're dead. When you're gone you're gone.

Unless of course you're not.

And that's where I come in.

The year is 1897, and Peggy Devona can speak with ghosts. She hides her gift from those afraid of a girl with such powers, terrified of the secrets the dead could reveal through her. But when her best friend is accused of murdering her rich mistress, Peggy knows only she - a whispering - can save her. Peggy escapes to her uncle's psychic emporium in the city, seeking out new ghosts to help her solve Sally's case. Yet time is running out, and each step towards uncovering the truth also brings Sally one step closer to the gallows.

Should you wish to purchase a copy of the book for your child please visit

<https://www.penguin.co.uk/books/443123/the-whispering-by-hoskins-hayley/9780241514504>

with options to purchase.

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

