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Dinosaurs and Dragons Theme Day – Monday 16th April 2018
Author Visit – Thursday 19th April 2018

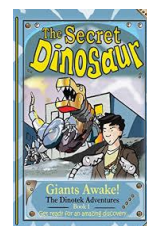
Dear Parents,

On our first day back to school in April we will be running a 'Dinosaurs and Dragons' theme day when the children will be completing activities based around dinosaurs and dragons. The activities may be based on characters from books or films and they will be great fun to inspire writing that the children will do from them.

We would like the children to **come dressed up as either a dinosaur or dragon on Monday 16th April** – maybe you could create a homemade costume from things that you have at home over the Easter holidays (a green T-shirt, green trousers, make some wings, tail or spikes for their back, paint faces green etc).

This day will link in with a visit from a famous children's author – Nigel Blackman. On the theme day, the children will be writing a short story in their class which will be entered into a competition with the winning story from each class sent to Mr Blackman to read and choose an overall school winner. He will then spend some time with each of the winners when he visits on 19th April, giving them help and tips on how to improve their story even further!

Nigel has written and illustrated a popular series for young readers called 'The Secret Dinosaur'. He will be reading from the first book in the series, 'Giants Awake!' – and sharing his writing and drawing tips with Wrens, Swallows and Owls to help them with their own creative writing. The story features a collection of museum dinosaur models that come to life. It has been used in Hodder Education's Primary English Course as a comprehension exercise and is a great example of exciting and engaging fiction for young readers. There's more information on The Secret Dinosaur website www.dinoteks.com where you can also see brilliant reviews from parents and children.



With Herons class, Nigel will be using his fantastic new historical adventure story, 'Freedom for Bron', set in Anglo Saxon times. This book was shortlisted for the Children's Book Award. The story features a slave boy called Bron, who is desperate to escape his life of drudgery. When an important Lord passes through his village on his way to a war council, Bron takes a chance to make friends and find a new life. It is a tale of friendship, divided loyalties and the desire to belong with underlying themes of tolerance and acceptance. Nigel will be telling Saxon stories, role playing Saxon village life and helping the children to write their own stories.



The children have the opportunity to buy a book written by Nigel Blackman, which will all be signed by him personally. Please see the attached order form. If you would like your child to have a signed copy of one of his books please complete and return the order form by Wednesday 28th March in order for us to place the order with him, for him to get them signed and to bring them with him on the day of his visit (Thursday 19th April).

Thank you in anticipation of your support of these initiatives to engage your children in their education and to make learning fun for them.

Yours sincerely

Miss C Willows
Head Teacher

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I would like to order the following book/s, signed by Nigel Blackman

Child's Name _____

Class _____

Signed _____ (Parent)

Book	Cost per book	Number of Books	Name(s) for inscription in the book	Total £ enclosed
Secret Dinosaur Book 1 'Giants Awake!'	£5.99			
Secret Dinosaur Book 2 'Hunters Attack'	£5.99			
Secret Dinosaur Book 3 'Jurassic Adventure'	£5.99			
Secret Dinosaur Whole Series (3 books)	£15.00			
Freedom for Bron	£6.99			

Please make cheques payable to Lincolnshire County Council

(Please complete and return to the school office along with full payment by Wednesday 28th March)