

Dear Parents / Guardians

### Visit to Town Close School on February 1st by John Harris the storyteller

On February 1st Town Close School will have a visit from John Harris, the only full time professional Storyteller in the country working exclusively with children and young people. He'll also be bringing along copies of the books he's written (and signing them) if you'd like to buy one.

**Charlie's Key** (£4.99) Tells what happened when Charlie was given a front door key. He promised his mum he'd look after it, but things just started to go wrong.... (For newly confident readers. Shortlisted for the Association of Illustrators' award.) **'Written in a witty conversational style ... this will be enjoyed by newly confident readers and will be a good addition to school library shelves.'** School Librarian Magazine **'A sweet and lively story told in John's distinctive, relaxed and conversational style.'** *Essex Life*

**The Pearl in the Grass** (£6.99) Is an old tale from China for 7-11 year olds, and one of John's most popular stories: **'A distinctive front cover invites young readers into this delightful folk tale which provokes both smiles and sighs. Simply and clearly told, it is full of courage and loyalty.... the imaginative, stylish illustrations heighten the speed and suspense of the well paced text.'** *Carousel - the guide to children's books* **'Wonderful - a classic in the making.'** *Richard Hammond, Amazon Vine*

**The Geat - the story of Beowulf and Grendel** (£6.99) The oldest story in the English language and perhaps the original horror story. Grizzly, gory, gruesome and great, this is also a story that has the themes of courage and honour at its heart. Strictly for 8 - 12 year olds and upwards, it was also short listed for the Association of Illustrators award. **'Beowulf made easy for a new generation of bloodthirsty juniors who are up for something a bit different. Distinctive illustrations and an enthusiastic rendition of a literary classic are what make the book so appealing. John Harris is a storyteller by trade, and it shows in the pace and rhythm of the text. .... even children for whom this is a first time story will be left with a sense of how it will end - which makes all the blood and gore of the journey safely enjoyable.'** *Carousel - the guide to Children's books* **'Both frightening and comic.'** *The Daily Telegraph* **'John Harris has spent the last ten years telling the story in front of live audiences, honing the version that we now have in print. It has been worth the wait. A wonderfully evocative atmosphere is maintained throughout the book, making it a must buy.'** *School Librarian Magazine*

**On the day of the visit we're taking 99p off the cost of each book -  
or you can buy all 3 for £15!**

Payment is by cash or by cheque made out to notreallybooks (please put name and address on reverse).

Having a book signed to them by an author a child has met is regarded by many experts as an excellent way to encourage children to read and love books.

We know the children will enjoy the visit - we're certain they'll love the books!