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Visit to Town Close School by Storyteller John Harris - February 8th

On February 8th Town Close will be having a return visit from the storyteller and author John Harris, who always asks his audiences to tell at least one of his stories when they get home, so please ask to hear a story! He'll also bring copies of his books (and signing them) for you to buy at the end of the day.

The La'lun (£7.99) is his newest book, published October 2018 and suitable for ages 10+. When Camille discovers the secret her grandmother has protected for decades she knows that to tell anyone would be to tell everyone - with terrible consequences. But it could also bring the rest of her family back into her life. This is a story about love and loyalty, truth and lies. Real news, fake news and how far you'd go to protect what you love. It's a story for now with its roots in ancient folklore. **'There is something appealing and positive about this novel. In many ways it feels like a classic children's story from a more innocent age but with modern trappings too.'** *Robert Dinsdale, Author of Sunday Times bestseller 'The Toymakers'*

The Geat - the story of Beowulf and Grendel (£6.99) Is the main story he'll be telling on the day - the oldest story in the English language and perhaps the original horror story. Grizzly, gory, gruesome and great, it has the themes of courage and honour at its heart. Strictly for 8 - 12 year olds and upwards! **'Beowulf made easy for a new generation of bloodthirsty juniors. 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* **A wonderfully evocative atmosphere is maintained throughout, making it a must buy.'** *School Librarian Magazine*

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: **'Delightful...provokes both smiles and sighs. Simply and clearly told, it is full of courage and loyalty.... the imaginative 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*

Charlie's Key (£4.99) When Charlie was given a front door key he promised his mum he'd look after it, but things just started to go wrong.... **'Written in a witty conversational style ... this will be enjoyed by newly confident readers.'** *School Librarian Magazine* **'A sweet and lively story told in John's distinctive, relaxed and conversational style.'** *Essex Life*

**On the day of the visit we're taking 99p off the cost of each book -
or you can buy all 4 for just £20!**

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