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Dear parents and carers,

### **Weald Page Turners Book Club**

Your child is taking part in the Weald Page Turners Book Club, reading the shortlisted books for the Page Turners Book Award and attending our regular meetings. The Page Turners Book Award is run by a committee of librarians from local schools and concludes with a Gala Celebration Evening at Kent College, Pembury. We are very much hoping that this fabulous event will be able to take place on 30 March 2022.

The theme this year is 'Friendship' and the shortlisted books are:

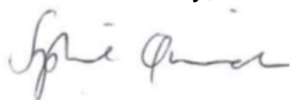
- The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy by Douglas Adams
- Toffee by Sarah Crossan\*
- When the Sky Falls by Phil Earle
- Ostrich Boys by Keith Gray\*
- An Absolutely Remarkable Thing by Hank Green\*
- Boy in the Tower by Polly Ho-Yen
- I Am Thunder by Muhammad Khan\*
- Sabriel by Garth Nix
- Pax by Sara Pennypacker
- The Unlikely Hero of Room 13B by Teresa Toten\*

These titles have been carefully selected by the organising committee to cover a range of depictions of friendship and we feel they are all worthy contenders for the Award. However, those marked with an asterisk are aimed at teenage readers and do contain more mature themes, such as mental health issues, domestic abuse, suicide and terrorism, as well as some swearing. Please rest assured that students who do read these books will be discussing them in small groups with a member of staff, so any issues raised will be put into context and interpreted carefully.

Please could you indicate whether you give permission for your child to read these books, using this form <https://forms.office.com/r/a9mCqaVNWq>

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely,



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