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Dear Parent/Guardian

Your child will be attending a digital event with Rebecca Patterson on **10th November** as part of the 37th annual Northern Children's Book Festival and will have the opportunity to buy signed and dedicated copies of *her* books. Rebecca is the *award winning author and illustrator* of children's books including 'A Moon Girl stole my Friend' and 'A Robot Girl ruined my Sleepover' @£6.99 each. These may be more suited to able Y2 readers or for parents to read to children.

There is absolutely no obligation to buy books as part of this digital event, but we do want to alert you to this opportunity in order to avoid disappointment. Often pupils are inspired to read the author's book after seeing them, and this is a unique opportunity for pupils to have a book signed.

Although this year's festival is digital, Northern Children's Book Festival wanted to ensure that children can still get a personalised book from the author after the event. Authors will be providing signed bookplates which will be inserted into the purchased book. Please be aware that due to the format of this year's festival, books may take up to two weeks to arrive following the event.

Research shows that meeting an author will inspire children and help them pursue a love of reading and we believe that this year will be no different, despite the challenges presented by the current circumstances;

'The impact of an author visiting shouldn't be underestimated. These are the types of things that people talk about when you ask them what they remember about school.'

Times Educational Supplement

'Writers visiting schools can make a significant difference to a child's attitudes to and enjoyment of writing, offering new perspectives on writing and what it can do.'

The Arts Council

We hope your child will enjoy and benefit from this year's festival

Northern Children's Book Festival & Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council Libraries

Please order using our school's cashless system, Parent Pay. It's a free, easy to use service.

Once your payment has been received, we will order the book/s on your behalf direct to school.

Please do not hesitate to contact the school office at enquiries@stjosephs.npcat.org.uk if you need assistance in activating your account.

