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Dear parents/ carers,

On Tuesday the 18th of April, students in Year 7 will be participating in an author event with Liz Kessler. Liz is the author of over twenty books for children and young adults including the *Emily Windsnap* book series as well as books such as *Haunt Me* and *Read Me Like a Book*. Most recently, Liz has written *When The World Was Ours*.

When The World Was Ours is one of the books selected to form our St Wilfrid's Reading Canon. Year 7 will be reading this novel over the coming weeks with their tutors. *When The World Was Ours* tells the story of three young friends from Vienna. Their lives change forever as a result of the Nazi regime which causes the three friends to all be separated.

Liz will be launching the book with our Year 7s, telling them about her life as an author as well as discussing her research and inspiration for this novel.

Participating in this event is free for Year 7. There will be an opportunity to buy copies of Liz's books as we have arranged for a local bookseller to visit school that same day.

If your child would like to purchase books on the day, this can be done using cash. Books will be priced between £6.99 and £8.99.

This is an exciting opportunity for students to participate in an enriching activity that will promote reading for pleasure and introduce some of the protected characteristics and key themes that Liz's novel explores.

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs Collings-Backhouse
Associate Assistant Headteacher- Literacy