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Dear Parents/Carers,

Author visit to our school!

We are very excited to announce that on the 22<sup>nd</sup> September, the author Alex Bellos is visiting our school! Alex writes for the Guardian newspaper and has written many books, including helping the footballer, Pelé, to write his autobiography. He has presented films for the BBC about football in South America and also enjoys writing about maths.

Below are two extracts from different books. One extract is from his book Football School: The Greatest Ever Quiz Book which contains over 300 questions! The other is an extract from Football School Season 2: Where Football Explains the World.

**The ball game *cuju* was played in China and Korea from around 200 BC to AD 1400. In one version of *cuju*, players in long robes aimed to kick a ball through a hole in a sheet attached between two bamboo posts. Winners won silver bowls but what happened to the losing players?**

- a) They were beheaded.
- b) They had to work as servants for the winning players for a year.
- c) They were given wooden bowls.
- d) Their faces were smeared with white powder and they were whipped in public.

**H**ello, everyone! It's the beginning of Season 2 at Football School, and we're going to start by revealing a stinky ritual that footballers perform at the beginning of every season.

Professional footballers must provide their clubs with small tubes of their finest pee!

Can you imagine it? Yuck!

But it's true. The players all head to the loo, where each of them piddles into a small container. They hand over the flask of their warm, golden liquid to the team doctors, who test it.

Pee is mostly water, but it also contains small amounts of other substances. Doctors check these substances for health problems like infection, diabetes and disease, which may otherwise go unnoticed.

In this lesson we'll find out what you can learn from your pee. We'll be looking at the water system in our bodies: fluids go in, fluids go out, and fluids go all about.

Are you thirsty for this knowledge? Drink up!

We are extremely lucky to, not only have Alex visiting us, but for him to be happy signing copies of his book for our pupils. Any books bought on parentpay prior to his visit will be signed by Alex on 22<sup>nd</sup> September after he has finished his talk to each year group.

Should you wish to purchase a book, please complete the form on parentpay with your payment. The final date for payment is Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> September.

Yours sincerely,

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# AUTHOR VISITING TWO MILE ASH SCHOOL!

<b>Title</b>	<b>Price</b>	<b>Tick to Order a copy</b>			
<b>Season 1</b>	<b>£6.99</b>		<b>Terrific Teams</b>	<b>£6.99</b>	
<b>Season 2</b>	<b>£6.99</b>		<b>Star Players</b>	<b>£6.99</b>	
<b>Season 3</b>	<b>£6.99</b>		<b>Epic Heroes</b>	<b>£6.99</b>	
<b>Season 4</b>	<b>£6.99</b>		<b>Greatest Ever Quiz Book</b>	<b>£6.99</b>	
<b>Incredible Joke Book</b>	<b>£5.99</b>				

This page is purely for information. Should you wish to order any book, please do so via parentpay by Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> September. Ordered books will be given to your child by Alex, signed by him, after his talk on 22<sup>nd</sup>.

PLEASE NOTE THAT 9p WILL BE ADDED TO ALL BOOKS TO COVER THE PARENT PAY CHARGES.