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Dear Parent/Carer,

## **SCHOOL AUTHOR EVENT – for Y5 & Y6**

### **Danny Rurlander, author of Spylark on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March**

Author Danny Rurlander, whose novel Spylark, was published by Chicken House Books in August 2019, will be visiting our school on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2020 to present an action-packed event introducing students to the wonderful world of his Lake District-based action-adventure thriller.

Britain's biggest children's reading charity, BookTrust, described Spylark as 'A gripping adventure, with all the right ingredients... a timeless piece of storytelling.'

- Shortlisted for the Times/Chicken House Children's Fiction Competition 2017.
- A confident and exciting debut novel about friendship, bravery, terrorism and technology.
- Swallows and Amazons for a thoroughly modern readership.

Opening with an interactive introduction to the principles of flight, Danny uses the inspiration and research for his novel as a basis for thinking about what makes a story 'fly'. With the help of 'Buzz' his indoor drone, along with slides, maps, and stories, he helps the children explore how to turn real world locations into vivid settings for gripping adventures, why good writers are the nosiest people on the planet, and why islands feature in all the best stories!

Danny's forty-five minute presentation (plus Q and A and book signing) inspires boys and girls aged 8 upwards in reading for pleasure, introduces them to the flying technology of the future, and challenges them to explore their own world with fresh eyes.

At the end of the day in the library, there will be an opportunity to purchase a copy of Spylark which the author will sign. If your child would like to purchase a copy of the book please make sure they come prepared to do so on the day by sending £6.50 in a sealed, named envelope, or if paying by cheque, please make it payable to **V A Laycock**.

The book will be available at the slightly discounted price of £6.50, rrp £6.99

If you would like more information about Danny Rurlander and Spylark please take a look at his web site [www.dannyrurlander.com](http://www.dannyrurlander.com) or follow him on twitter @DannyRurlander.

Yours sincerely,

Liz Meyfroidt

