

Dear Parents and Carers

The actress, author and children's entertainer, Baroness Floella Benjamin did a 'live' Zoom event with the children today talking about the new edition of her wonderful real-life story 'Coming to England':

This is the inspiring true story of Baroness Floella Benjamin: from Trinidad, to London as part of the Windrush generation, to the House of Lords. Follow ten-year-old Floella as she and her family set sail from the Caribbean to a new life in London. Alone on a huge ship for two weeks, then tumbled into a cold and unfriendly London, coming to England wasn't at all what Floella had expected . . . What will her new school be like? Will she meet the Queen?

Filled with optimism and joy, yet deeply personal and relevant, younger children can now resonate with Floella's experiences of moving home and making friends, as older children have been able to with the first edition of the book. Alongside vibrant illustrations by Diane Ewen, the new picture book edition is a powerful story showing little people how courage and determination can overcome adversity.

We are offering a book ordering service through ParentPay, of both the original book (suitable for years 4 to 6) and the newly published picture book edition aimed at younger children (years 1 to 4). If you would like to order a book please complete the order form on ParentPay by Monday evening. If you have any problems with this, please contact the schooloffice@ourladyofpity.co.uk using the link and we will help in any way we can. The books will be delivered to school in the couple of weeks or so, please let us know if you do not wish the book(s) to be given to your child in school.