

## Dudley Children's Book Group

Dudley Children's Book Group has been busy this term. On Thursday January 20<sup>th</sup> Cathy Hopkins returned to promote her new book, '*Paparazzi Princess*.' Her fans travelled from across the West Midlands to hear Cathy talk about the ideas behind her new book and to answer the many questions asked.

On Friday January 28<sup>th</sup> Jeremy Strong entertained 300 Primary School children as he dropped in on us for part of his Fun Factor tour. This was a very successful event and the children had been encouraged to think up their own jokes to share on the day.

Then on February 16<sup>th</sup> Jacqueline Wilson returned to Dudley to promote her latest book '*Lily Alone*' which went straight to the top of the Children's Best Seller List. Jacqueline launched Dudley Children's Book Group in 1998 and since then she has regularly returned to meet her devoted fans. This was a wonderful day when Jacqueline met Primary school children in the afternoon for a question and answer session and then held a large community event in the evening. Once again her fans travelled from all over the West Midlands to meet her.

Later this term Kaye Umansky visits Dudley to open a new school library and promote her new book '*Crash and Bang*.' In May Patrick Ness is with us to promote his new book, '*A Monster Calls*' from an original idea by Siobhan Dowd.

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