



Dear Parents/ Carers,

An exciting writing competition has come to our attention. To celebrate Leeds Castle's 900th birthday, children from all over the country are being challenged to write a story about castles and time travel.

The story can be any length from 200 to 900 words. The two winning stories picked by the Leeds Castle judges including renowned broadcaster and children's author Clare Balding, will go into a time capsule to be buried by the winning children and only opened again in 100 years' time.

Entries will be in two age brackets: 5 to 9 years and 10 to 13 years. The winning children, with their family, will be invited to a special Awards Day at Leeds Castle to meet Clare Balding and win a basket of prizes. They will also be invited to take part in the 'time capsule' ceremony in the summer.

**Deadline for entry is 5th March so I would like the stories handed in by Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March please so that I can get them sent off in time. Here is the link to the competition:**

<https://leeds-castle.com/Education/Big+900+Story+Writing+Challenge>

Good luck and please encourage the children to come and share their story ideas with me.

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