

'A Caring Christian Family Where We Grow Together'

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Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2023

**No Pens Day**

**Speech and Language UK**

### **No Pens Day – Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2023**

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am delighted to announce we will be supporting Speech and Language UK by taking part in No Pens Day on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November – this will give your child the opportunity to take part in listening and speaking activities all day without having to lift a pen or pencil, as we all know how daunting some children find writing, and equally how some children struggle with being able to confidently speak aloud in front of their peers.

#### **Why is your child's school taking part in No Pens Day 2023: Show and tell?**

Teachers and professionals estimate that, in the UK today, 1.9 million children struggle with talking and understanding words. Without the right support, they face huge hurdles in learning, making friends and staying in good mental health.

By bringing in **£1** and taking part in No Pens Day 2023, you and your child can help raise money to support children who struggle with talking and understanding words.

It's a chance for your child to improve their speech, language and communication skills through a day of talking and listening activities – starting with the biggest ever show and tell!

#### **Help your child take part by...**

Helping them choose something that they would like to bring in or talk about for show and tell. This could be: – An object from home that they love – An item of clothing – A photograph of a person who they want to talk about – A photograph of a special memory – Something imaginary!

They don't have to bring anything in – they could just think of something they want to talk about.

Helping them practise doing show and tell with their chosen item.

They could mention: – What it is – Why they love this item/memory/imaginary thing – When they got it/did it – Who gave it to them/who they were with – What's special about it



## **After the day...**

Have a chat with your child about how No Pens Day 2023 went.

It's probably best not to ask your child about this as soon as they come out of school- unless they happen to initiate a conversation about it. Children often need to switch off for a bit when they first get home from school. Try to wait till they seem ready to chat.

A good time to talk about this might be at the table while you are eating tea, snuggled up together on the sofa while sharing a snack, when you are walking somewhere together and are not in a hurry, or possibly at bedtime when you are saying good night (provided it's not too late!)

Some of the things you could say to your child include: – I'd love to hear about your "show and tell" today. How did it go? – What did your friends/teacher ask you about X? ("the thing you took in to school"? ) – How did you feel when you were talking? – What did you tell them about it? – What did some of your friends talk about? – Did you learn anything new today? – How did it go/feel not using a pen/pen today?

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,

Miss Snelson  
Year 4 Teacher and Deputy SENCo