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Dear Parent/Carer,

On the 11th July we are hosting a *No Pens Day Wednesday* Event across school.

So what is *No Pens Day Wednesday*?

The aim of the day is to encourage the skills of speaking and listening, which are part of your child's national curriculum.

For one day, all pupils in the school will put down their pens in all lessons and will have a focus on speaking and listening skills rather than writing skills. Teachers will assess what children in their class have learnt about the lesson by listening to what they say about it.

Why are we taking part?

Reading and writing are very important and valuable skills but people are often not aware of how important speaking and listening skills are too. Schools that include speaking and listening in a planned and structured way for children in their lessons see improvement in their classroom involvement.

How will your child benefit?

No Pens Day Wednesday gives your child a chance to practise their oracy skills for a whole school day. The day will allow all pupils to become involved in a whole school event, and to contribute to class activities, getting a chance to talk.

We do hope that you will engage with your child about this event. It will give you a chance to see if they will finally answer the age old question "What did you do at school today?"

Yours sincerely,

Mrs R Goulds
Head of English and Literacy

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