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No Pens Day – Wednesday 5th October 2016

Dear Parent/Carer,

As you will know from the newsletter, we have signed up to an exciting one day event, which schools across the country are getting involved in called *No Pens Day Wednesday*.

So what is *No Pens Day Wednesday*?

The aim of the day is to encourage the skills of speaking and listening, which is a part of your child's national curriculum. For one day, children in the school will put down their pens and all lessons and activities 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 practice their speaking and listening skills for a whole school day. The day will allow all pupils in your child's class to become involved in a whole school event, and to contribute to class activities, getting a chance to talk; pupils will be able to use what they have learnt from this day throughout the school year.

To help us celebrate this special day parents are invited on Wednesday between 9 and 9.30am where there will be a range of speaking and listening activities in classrooms. We look forward to seeing as many parents as possible.

If you would like any further information about this exciting day please do not hesitate in contacting me.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Charlotte Davis
Acting Headteacher

