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Mrs Rachel Kirk, Headteacher

Friday 27th November 2015

Dear Parent/ Carer,

Re: Spelling Competition

As you may be aware, we held our first Alban Wood Mental Maths Challenge yesterday and the highest achieving children from each challenge took part in the finals this afternoon. It was great to see how many children had been working hard at home practicing the skills they needed and how many children were determined to challenge themselves. Well done to **Aydin (Y5), Lilly (Y5) and Adrian (Y6)** who were the winners of the overall competition!

In my initial letter about the Mental Maths Challenge, I mentioned a Spelling Bee to alternate months with the maths competition. This will support children's knowledge and skills which they will need in order to be successful in the English Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling SATs tests. The competition is also very important as it will enable children to learn new spellings and vocabulary that will continue to extend their writing.

All children in Year 5 and Year 6 will be given a set of thirty words, which they are expected to learn how to spell, in preparation for the competition afternoon, which will be held on **Friday 18th November**. The children who are able to spell the most words correctly will proceed to the finals round, where they will compete against each other using their spelling skills. This will be in the style of a knock out competition, and children will be against other children who completed the same level challenge as themselves.

There will be three challenges for differing abilities and your child's teacher will guide them as to which challenge will be most appropriate, to give your child the best chance at success. The prize for the winning children will be a trip out of school, probably linked with our farm, to reward them for their hard work. At Alban Wood, we value all children's abilities within academic, creative and sporting opportunities, and feel that it is important to give children the chance to compete within an academic capacity and celebrate their successes.

All children will be taking part in this challenge so it is important that children are encouraged to learn the answers to the questions on their challenge to give them the best chance at success. Our first intra-school academic competition, the Mental Maths Challenge, was a great success and all children enjoyed taking part. I hope the Spelling Bee will be just as successful and I hope all children will be excited to participate (they were all very excited when we told them this afternoon!).

If you have any questions regarding the competition, please do not hesitate to contact me or Miss Davis. Many thanks for your continuing support of the children's success.

Yours sincerely,

Miss H Wells
Year 6 Teacher

Miss C Davis
Deputy Headteacher



