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Dear Parents and Carers,

Spellathon - Friday 14th February 2020

Before the Christmas break, Pupil Voice worked with their classes to investigate how to support reading across the school so that all children become confident when tackling different tasks and challenges. As a result, one of the areas that they want to improve is being able to read and write at both break and lunchtime. For this, they have decided that they want to work towards purchasing an outside reading room where they can sit at tables or on beanbags to read or write in a relaxing environment away from the other games played at this time. Therefore, they have decided to invest any money raised from the Spellathon towards building this area which is going to cost approximately £12,000 to build.

Last year's February event was very successful because it supported all children in learning key vocabulary as well as those approaching the KS1 and KS2 SATs. As a result, each year group has been given a specific spelling list to learn over the next six weeks with the Spellathon taking place on Friday 14th February. Spelling lists are attached.

This year the results will be collected slightly differently. Each child will complete the Spellathon but their score will only be added to those of their class. The class in each year group that has accumulated the greatest total of correct spellings will receive a 'movie' afternoon. We are delighted that Reception will also be taking part in this as they also have the extra challenge of this being their first ever spelling test.

Pupil Voice have chosen to mark the fund-raising event by inviting all children to come to school in as many bright colours and patterns as possible. A contribution of £1 is politely requested to support our non-uniform fundraising.

The final event of the day is an 'Apple Bobbing' competition. Teachers have kindly agreed that if the school raises over £250 then they will willingly bob for apples without the use of their hands during assembly so don't forget to bring your sponsorship and non-uniform money on the day.

In addition, the school has allocated £3,000 to support this project; this money has been allocated from the additional income Benhurst has received from Mr Denchfield's work with Dame Tipping.

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely,

Pupil Voice and Miss Britton

