



BIRKLANDS
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dear Parents and Carers,

On Wednesday 29th November, Birklands will be taking part in **No Pens Day Wednesday**. This is a national speaking and listening event where children and teachers will put down their pens and focus on speaking and listening activities across the whole school day. This event raises awareness for the 1.9 million children who struggle with talking and understanding words.

We ask for a donation of **£1** to support **Speech and Language UK**. Please donate via the **QR code** at the bottom of this letter, we are not accepting any cash at school. This charity supports children who struggle with talking and understanding words. Communication is at the core of everything that we do and this event puts spoken language in the spotlight. Learning to communicate effectively has a profound impact on children's education and future lives and this is why here at Birklands we feel it is important to be taking part.

We will be completing many fun and engaging talking and listening activities throughout the day with the focus of strengthening our own language skills. An activity that the whole school will be taking part in, is **Show and Tell**. Show and Tell is a great activity to practise our talking and listening skills.

Here are some ideas of what your child can bring in to share:

- 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 could just think of something they want to talk about.

Please read the following leaflet for further information and to see how you can support with the day. We look forward to taking part in such an important event and hearing your children talk about what is special to them.



NO Pens Day
Show and tell

Use this QR code to make your £1 donation for No Pens Day, or visit:

donate.speechandlanguage.org.uk/NPD23

- Remember to check the box which says:
'I am making a donation on behalf of an organisation'
and enter your school name in the *'Company'* field.

