



Headteacher
Mr. Dale Bateman

Thursday 7th November 2019

Dear Families,

Our school has signed up to an exciting one-day event, which schools across the country are getting involved in called ***No Pens Day Wednesday***, this will be taking place on 13th November 2019.

What is *No Pens Day Wednesday*?

The aim of the day is to encourage spoken language and listening skills and raise awareness of their importance in education and beyond. For one day, children in the school will put down their pens and all lessons and activities will have a focus on spoken language skills rather than writing skills.

Why are we taking part?

Reading and writing are very important and valuable skills but people are often not aware of how important spoken language and listening skills are too. Schools that include spoken language in a planned and structured way for children in their lessons see improvement in their classroom involvement. Ofsted inspectors are noticing more and more that spoken language and listening is an important part of good teaching.

How will your child benefit?

No Pens Day Wednesday gives your child a chance to practice their spoken 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. Our Coopersale children will be able to use what they have learnt from this day throughout the school year.

If you want to know more about this day, then speak to your child's class teacher

Yours sincerely

Mrs P. Atwal

(English Lead)

