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Dear parent/carer,

As part of our work to promote high standards of spelling throughout the school, we will be holding our third 'Spelling Bee' competition this year from Year 1 to Year 6. Last year's Spelling Bee was a massive success and we were so proud of all the children for working so hard to learn their spellings. We will again be joining with our SWAT cluster that consists of thirteen other local primary schools. The spelling competition semi-final and final will include children from all thirteen schools.

Each year group will have a list of words to learn that are from the National Curriculum. Children will have already practised many of these words over the autumn term and this will be a useful opportunity to ensure that they have remembered these words. Each class teacher will provide opportunities for the children to practise spelling these orally throughout December. There has been a slight change this year to ensure consistency across the competition - spellings will be only accepted if the children say the letter name when spelling and not the letter sound. If there is any confusion about this, please do come and speak with me.

The 'Spelling Bee' will run as follows:

#### Round One - Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2020

Spelling Bee competitions will take place in school. Children will have two minutes to spell as many words aloud as they can correctly. A point will be awarded for each correct spelling. The child who receives the highest point score from each year group will go through to the semi-final.

#### Semi-Final - TBC

The Springfield winners will participate in the semi-final and will compete against children from St James' Lanehead Primary School and St Phillips Primary School. The competition will follow a similar format as round one but only one minute to spell as many words aloud as they can correctly. Again, all the words will be taken from the word lists provided. At the end of the semi-final, there will be one winner from each year group. These children will then go to the final to compete against the winners of the other semi-final competitions held throughout the SWAT cluster.

#### Final - TBC

The finalists will be given **NEW WORD LISTS**.

The winners from the SWAT semi-finals will compete to be the 'Spelling Bee' champion. They will need to compete against other schools to spell as many words as they can correctly in one minute. The final will be in the same format of a traditional Spelling Bee and spellings will need to be said aloud in front of an audience.

We believe that this structure gives all children the opportunity to take part in a fun event whilst reinforcing important work on spelling. We really hope that some of our children make it to the SWAT final!

As always, thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs S Staples

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English Lead

