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Look Who's Talking **Speaking and Listening Competition**

Dear Parents/ Carers,

In January all St. Andrew's pupils will be taking part in our very first speaking and listening competition. The 'Look Who's Talking' competition will take place in the week beginning 8th January 2018; with the winners performing their presentations the following week on Friday 19th January.

The competition will take place within school and pupils will have some class time to prepare however it will be beneficial for your children if you also spend some time at home preparing and supporting them for this event over the Christmas holidays. This would ensure they are prepared for the competition.

We are expecting all children to take part in this competition as speaking and listening is an important part of the English curriculum. We realise that some children will be nervous about speaking in front of their class mates however, rest assured, they will be supported during this whole process.

There are different age groups for the competition and I have outlined them below.

Nursery

Perform a nursery rhyme you have learnt by heart. You may use props and costumes!

Reception

Section 1: Show-and-Tell

Show something special to your listeners and tell them about it – e.g. a special toy; a beautiful shell; a poster; something you have made at home.

Section 2: Nursery rhyme

Perform a nursery rhyme you have learnt by heart. You may use props and costumes!



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Key Stage 1 & 2

Section 1: Poetry

Share a poem you have learnt by heart.

Section 2: Presentation entitled 'My World'

Show something special to your listeners and tell them about why it is important in your world. A group of related objects is acceptable.

Section 3: Q&A session (maximum 3 questions)

These will be asked by staff and pupils; and will be related to your presentation.

The Presentations that are entitled 'My World' can include anything that is important to the children. They may choose something from their personal experience or share bigger world issues they have an interest in.

The following are some ideas for supporting your children at home with their preparation for the competition:

- Help them to choose a poem and a topic for their presentation
- Practice at home encouraging them to speak clearly and loudly
- Ask them questions about their presentation

I have attached a 'Handy Hints' guide that you may find useful when supporting your child at home with their preparations.

'Look Who's Talking!' aims to celebrate *all* children's achievements, and especially those who are particularly talented in the area of Speaking and Listening.

Yours sincerely

Mr. Cox
Deputy Headteacher