



Monday, 23 January 2012

Dear Parent's,

We heard about this 'spellathon' and thought it sounded fun!

From the 5th - 11th March 2012 our school will join the world to compete in the first ever digital Spellathon Championships!

There is an opportunity to raise funds through sponsorship for our school and Mencap, but this isn't our primary reason for participating.

We've introduced the 'spellathon' to the children in assembly today and have asked them to pledge a target number of words to spell correctly whilst practising at home ahead of the championships. They can do this by playing fun **Spellathon spelling games** that are **free to download**, on a computer, mobile phone or tablet. Spellathon games have been specifically designed to support the National Curriculum and encourage learning through engagement. Spellings are age and level specific allowing games to be tailored to your child's requirements.

By visiting www.spellathon.net or downloading the Spellathon mobile applications, your child can create their own bee profile and access all the FREE Spellathon games. All words that are spelt correctly are 'banked' in their own hive and their scores are displayed on the global leader board!

There will be the opportunity for you to set up a 'justgiving' page for your child if you want to participate in fundraising.

Why not take part yourself? Spellathon is designed to challenge all ages and entertain everyone. As well as an adult level, that contains the most difficult words in the dictionary, there are specialist bees to challenge. These word packs contain subject specific vocabulary from law to medicine! The more funds you raise, the more specialist bees you can unlock.

You and your child can even qualify to compete LIVE online against **Stephen Fry** in 'The Reverse Spellathon Challenge' to be held at the end of February 2012.

The Spellathon Championships are open to all ages and will take place online in March 2012. School children who wish to enter will complete the challenge in their school's ICT suite. Others may log on from their home PC. Individuals will have 15 minutes to record the longest word run of correctly spelt words.

Please visit www.spellathon.net to join the buzz and be a part of something really special.

*Have fun
Angela*