



## VALENCE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer,

No Pens Day is here again. We will be taking part in this country wide, one-day activity on **Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2023.**

### **So what is *No Pens Day*?**

Teachers estimate that, in the UK today, 1.9 million children struggle with talking and understanding words. Without the right support, they face huge hurdles in learning, making friends and staying in good mental health.

### **Why are we taking part?**

It's a chance for your child to improve their speech, language, and communication skills through a day of talking and listening activities.

### **How will your child benefit?**

**No Pens Day** gives your child a chance to practice their speaking and listening 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. Pupils will be able to use what they have learnt from this day throughout the school year.

### **How can I support my child after the event?**

Have a chat with your child about how No Pens Day 2023 went. A good time to talk about this might be at the table while you are eating tea, snuggled up together on the sofa while sharing a snack, when you are walking somewhere together and are not in a hurry, or possibly at bedtime when you are saying good night.

Some of the things you could say to your child include: –

- I'd love to hear about how 'No Pens Day' went today
- How did it go? – What did your friends/teacher talk about?
- Did you learn anything new today?
- How did it go/feel not using a pen/pencil today?

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

Kind Regards,

Kerry Guyatt

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