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Dear Parents & Caregivers

SPELLATHON 2017

As part of the school's fundraising to raise money to upgrade our school website, we will be holding a school-wide Spellathon over the next few weeks.

Spelling words to learn:

Class teachers have given each child a spelling list appropriate to their spelling ability to learn.

Over the next few weeks the children are encouraged to learn how to spell the words in their lists. Opportunities to learn the words will be part of the school's daily programme and homework programme.

Please also encourage your child/ren to learn as many of the 'athon' words as possible – a great daily holiday activity! Do not 'force them' out of their depth and perhaps have them worry about their achievement.

We want this learning to be fun! Incentives in the form of lucky draws will be offered for participation and effort at all levels of the school.

Sponsors:

The children are encouraged to 'sign-up' as many sponsors as they can for each word they learn to spell correctly. We trust that parents will help/advise the children on who to get as sponsors for this 'athon'. The school recommends that sponsors should be obtained from family, friends, relations and known neighbour's in the immediate vicinity.

Sponsor cards have been sent home with this letter, along with your child's spelling list. Please record your sponsors on the **Sponsor Cards** and return to your child's class teacher by no later than **Friday, 20th October 2017**.

The date for the 'Spellathon' will be: Tuesday, 24th October 2017.

Which gives approximately six weeks (including the holidays) for learning.

Collection of donations:

Once the spelling tests have been conducted and marked by the teachers the children's test scores will be recorded on the Sponsor Cards, copied and sent home **on Friday, 27th October**, for the second visit to sponsors to collect money. Please **return money to school with the sponsor card BETWEEN Monday, 30th October – Friday, 10th November 2017 ONLY!**

There will be prizes in each syndicate for those students who collected the most money.

We trust you will give our Spellathon Project your fullest support! Should you have any queries in regards to this project please contact us for further information.

Many thanks

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PTF President

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Acting Principal