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Dear Parents/Carers of KS2,

KS2 Classroom Assembly & Calendar

Following on from the success of our classroom assembly initiative and as part of our ongoing commitment to improve pupils' public speaking and listening skills we will be continuing with our child led assemblies this year. This will be in addition to the whole school and class assemblies that you may have attended in the past. These assemblies are classroom based with the speakers being the student and the audience their peers. The aim of these classroom assemblies is for pupils to share something that they have an interest in with the rest of the class; more of a grown-up "show and tell" if you like. This may be based on a hobby, such as a sport or leisure activity, a particular interest or something that they may have just researched out of curiosity.

When it's your child's turn they are asked to prepare a short 5-minute oral presentation, for which they may use visual aids such as PowerPoint, pictures, demonstrations and artefacts to make it more engaging. Although this is a homework task, pupils will be able to seek advice and support from their class teachers where necessary to prepare for these assemblies. At the end of each presentation the class teacher will lead a question and answer session amongst the group to find out a little more, clarify any points or extend the classes' knowledge and understanding.

It's hoped that these public speaking opportunities will give your child experience in preparing and delivering a presentation, as well as build their confidence when speaking in front of others.

On the reverse of this letter you will find a sheet of helpful tips and advice for public speaking. The classroom assemblies will take place on a Tuesday or Thursday afternoon and the week of your child's assembly is noted overleaf.

If you or your child have any questions or would like any further advice or support please don't hesitate to contact a member of our KS2 teaching team.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Barnes
Deputy Headteacher