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Dear Parents,

Strictly come Speaking and Listening – Information

In Cherwell Class we always have a high interest for ‘Show and Tell’ and this can be difficult to incorporate into the daily routine. However, we recognise that the children gain a great deal from the process of speaking to an audience and it is evident that high quality talk leads to high quality literacy. The ability to speak and listen is fundamental to pupils’ language and social development. It is an essential tool for all areas of the curriculum, as talk underpins learning and thinking and in turn, forms the basis for reading and writing.

The aim of Strictly come Speaking and Listening in Cherwell Class is to encourage every child to bring in something that is of value to them and talk about it clearly to a small group (table group). In the past children have talked about a holiday and brought in photos or souvenirs; a special pet; or a hobby. It does tend to be more successful if the child has several items that can be passed around their listeners. The group will then have an opportunity to ask questions to find out further information. From this, the group will feed back what they have learned to the rest of the class.

We would like to commence these sessions early this term and will give out the dates for your child’s session this week.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Many thanks.

Julie Ilsley and Helen Mc Conaghy
Cherwell Class Teachers