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Dear Parents/Carers,

We are very excited to announce that once again this year, Boarshaw Primary will be taking part in the Rochdale Spelling Bee.

### **What is a spelling bee?**

The spelling bee is a competition in which contestants are asked to spell a broad selection of words, usually with a varying degree of difficulty. Pupils are asked to stand up in front of an audience and spell a word which is given to them. The word is given with a definition and used within a sentence. If a pupil is able to spell the word correctly, they move forward to the next round. The rounds continue until there is a final winner!

### **What happens now?**

Each Key Stage 2 class will hold a class spelling bee to find their 'top spellers'. The winners from each class will then compete together in **a school final on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> February 2024**. So that the competition is fair, all words are graded and reflect the words that a child is expected to know for their particular year group, as specified in the National Curriculum.

The overall school winner will then go on to compete at a **semi-final competition on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2023 at 9.30am at Matthew Moss High School**.

The winners from the semi-final competition will go forward to compete at **The Rochdale Spelling Bee Grand Final**, held at **Bright Hall, Rochdale Town Hall in the afternoon on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2024**.

### **What words will the children have to spell?**

All pupils will be given a paper copy of the spelling list for their year group to take home. Pupils will need to learn the words in the booklet.

However, when pupils take part in the competition, there will also be words that they might not have learnt before but have the same spelling patterns as ones which they should cover in their year group or have previously covered in other year groups.

Thank you for your support in advance.

Miss Riaz  
English Lead