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Dear Parents/Carers,

We are delighted to announce that we will be holding our annual **‘House Speech and Drama Competition’** for **Years 1-6** in school on **Wednesday 11th March 2025**. Your child will have the opportunity to learn a poem that they will get to perform in front of their year group / class. We value opportunities for the children to perform in front of an audience (however big or small) and to apply their reading skills - showing all their wonderful prosody skills to make the text come alive for an audience.

During next week your child will be bringing home a copy of the poem selected by their class teacher for them to learn for the heats, which will be held in class during **week commencing 26th January**. **ALL** children will be participating in the heats and may need your support at home to help them practise. A poem has been chosen for each different year group as this enables the teachers to judge each performance within their year group fairly. The teachers will be looking for expression, tone, actions and gestures, the ability to tell a story and engage an audience.

After the heats, the finalists will be chosen and informed on **Friday 30th January**. Finalists will then choose a poem or prose of their own to perform in front of the school community and a guest judge.

We are very excited to see the children perform in the coming weeks and if you have any questions, please contact Mrs Swales Lswales@elton.cambs.sch.uk or your child’s class teacher.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Laura Swales

(Reading Lead)

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