

# Let's Get Talking

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Welcome to the 'Communication Newsletter' for Whitgreave Primary. Your one-stop place for advice on how to support your child(ren) in developing their core communication skills.

## Communication Fact!

Evidence shows that by the age of 3, the poorest speaking children compared to the strongest, have a word gap of up to 30 million words! We want to work with you to reduce this gap!

## Talking Tip!

Use gestures and facial expressions to help children make sense of new words. For example, when introducing the word **joyful**, you might smile and wave your arms about to demonstrate what it means.

## Stay and Play

Why not attend Whitgreave's very own, Stay and Play session. It will take place every Monday from 2pm+. Babies and children up to 3 are more than welcome. Come and see some useful 'Talking Tips' in practice.

## Communication Fact!

"Language opens doors in schools, and it underpins progress, impacts on attainment throughout primary and secondary years, affects self-esteem and behaviour and plays a huge role in a child's future life chances". (ICAN, 2018)

## Talking Task!

Shop Talk—If you're going shopping with your child, play a guessing game. Say things such as "I am looking at something yellow, what could it be?" "I'm looking at something shiny, what could it be?" Or, start some conversations ... "This is a coconut, it is grown on a tree in Brazil." "When have you tried this food before?"