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Dear Parents/Carers of Year 1 children,

### **KS1 Phonics Screening Check.**

As you may know, all schools are required to complete a phonics assessment with all children in Year 1 (and children in Year 2 who didn't reach the required standard when they were in Year 1.)

The screening takes place in the **week beginning 12<sup>th</sup> June** and is administered by teachers working individually with each child for about 15 minutes each. We approach this task sensitively and work positively with the children.

The children are asked to read 40 words divided into two sections of 20 words. Both sections contain a mixture of real words and pseudo-words (made-up, non-words). The pseudo words are included because children can't read them using their memory or vocabulary so they have to use their phonic decoding skills. The children often complete activities in school using pseudo words so this approach is not new to them. Some children may not be able to read all 40 words and will access the screening at their own level.

Schools are required to report results to parents by the end of the school year so you will learn whether your child met the required standard, what we will do as a school and what you should do as a parent to ensure his/her phonic skills progress if he/she needs extra support.

Here is a web address for a government document entitled 'Learning to read through phonics' which the Department for Education has produced for parents.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/learning-to-read-through-phonics-information-for-parents>

This will provide further information for you, especially on how to help your children at home.

Thank you for your support and please do not hesitate to contact us if you need any further information or reassurance.

Kind regards,

Mrs Nighy and Mrs Mousley