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Dear Parent/Carer,

As you are aware, the Year 1 children will be taking their phonics screening check soon. This is a statutory assessment for all year 1 children. The check will take place when we return in term 6-week commencing Monday 10th June. It is very important that your child is in school this week, so we are asking you not to make any holiday requests for this week. Any requests made **cannot** be supported by the school.

The screening check comprises of a list of 40 words that children read one-to-one with a teacher. The list is a combination of both real words and non-words which rely purely on using phonics to read. The non-words are words that have been made up and will be shown with a picture of an imaginary creature to help them. The children will be unaware of this being a test and it will be presented to them as just another phonics activity that they will do with a teacher. The activity will be familiar to the children as we have completed practice phonics checks to prepare and familiarise them with the activity. The results of the phonics screening check will be included in your child's report and if the required level is not reached, they will retake the check in Year 2.

For further information see <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/phonics-screening-check-information-for-parents>

We really appreciate your support in this matter. If you have any other questions regarding the phonics screening check, please do not hesitate to ask.

Your Sincerely,

Alison Pass

Headteacher



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