



Friday 24th May 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

Phonics screening – Week beginning 10th June

During the week commencing 10th June, your child will be completing a phonics screening assessment. This is a statutory assessment that every Year 1 child across the country will be taking. We have already held a parents meeting to inform you of the arrangements and we have also sent some information home, to give you examples of the types of words that your child will be reading as part of the assessment.

As next week is half term, we wanted to send some further materials home that will help you to support your child with his/her screening assessment. We are not asking you to sit down each day and practise all of these words in one go; however, we feel that all children would benefit from having some practise so that they return from half term with the sounds fresh in their minds. This will help them to show us just how brilliant they really are when it comes to the assessment just one week later. We are asking that you practise with your child for a few minutes each day - reading a selection of real and 'alien' words on the enclosed sheets will ensure that they do not forget the sounds they have worked so hard to remember.

Finally, please do not worry your child by using the word 'test' when practising these words. We always ensure that the children are as relaxed and calm as possible when practising phonics and we only ever refer to assessments as 'quizzes'. If your child is finding the reading difficult, encourage him/her to draw the dots and dashes under the sounds to help them sound out and blend the words when reading.

We wish you a very happy (and sunny) half term and we look forward to seeing you back at school on Monday 3rd June.

Kind regards,

Mrs Bancroft, Mr Hackett and Miss Hunt.