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Phonics Screening for Year 2 Pupils

Dear Parents,

Usually phonic screening takes place at the end of Year 1. However, pupils in Year 2 in the 2021 to 2022 academic year, who due to the cancellation of the phonics screening check in June 2021 did not take their check in Year 1. Over the last term Miss Sheehan and Mrs Overthrow have been preparing their children for this important assessment.

The phonics screening check is designed to confirm whether pupils have learnt phonic decoding to an appropriate standard. It will identify pupils who need extra help to improve their decoding skills.

The check consists of 20 real words and 20 pseudo-words (made up words) that a pupil reads aloud to their teacher. The pass mark is 32.

Year 2 pupils who meet the expected standard in phonics in the autumn check will not be required to complete any further statutory assessments in phonics. Year 2 pupils who do not meet the expected standard in the autumn check will be expected to take the statutory check in June 2022, alongside our year 1 pupils.

Towards the end of term, we will provide you with a short report so that you know how your child has achieved and whether any further support is needed.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Hannah Beckett
Headteacher