

25th May 2017,

Dear Parents,

**Re: Year 1 Phonics Screening**

I am writing to inform you that the statutory phonics screening for year one will take place on the week of Monday 12th June 2017. From September, the children have been preparing for this during daily phonics sessions. If your child did not meet the expected level in Year one they will be required to retake the test this year.

The following link is a training video for teachers, but you may also find it useful to watch in order to understand how judgments are made. The test comprises of 40 real and fake/alien words. The children will be tested individually and the test will last approximately 15-20 minutes. Children who do not meet the pass threshold will be tested again in Year 2.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IPJ\\_ZEBh1Bk](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IPJ_ZEBh1Bk)

I would also like to direct you to the following websites and encourage your child to practice their sounds at home over half-term.

· [www.ictgames.com](http://www.ictgames.com) - Letter and Sounds Bingo, Phoneme Patterns ·  
[www.phonicsplay.co.uk](http://www.phonicsplay.co.uk) - Obb and Bob, Dragon's Den, Buried Treasure (Please note – all these games are available for free) ·  
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/wordsandpictures/phonics/sandcastle/flash/fsgame.shtml>

I will also stick a sample of the 2016 test into their homework books. Reading often with your child will also increase their chances of passing this test.

Thanks in advance for your support.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Leigh Fox

Class teacher