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YEAR 2: RE-ARRANGED PHONICS SCREENING CHECK
Week beginning Monday, 23rd November

Dear Parent / Carer,

Every June, children in Year 1 across the country sit a phonics screening check. The phonics screening check is a statutory assessment devised by the government to help confirm whether individual children have learnt phonic decoding and blending skills to an appropriate standard i.e. are they secure in reading.

Due to nationwide school closures because of COVID-19, the government made the decision to cancel all statutory assessments at the end of last academic year, including the phonics screening check.

The government have confirmed that **this academic year only, it is statutory for school to administer a past version of the phonics screening check to all Year 2 pupils during the second half of the 2020 autumn term** and return result to the Local Authority.

I am writing to confirm that our Year 2 children will be completing their phonics screening checks in school the week beginning Monday, 23rd November.

The pass rate for the phonics screening check is 32+ marks. If your child meet the expected standard then there will be no further checks. If your child does not meet the expected standard then they will re-take their phonics check in June 2021. Once all checks have been completed and data has been submitted to the Local Authority, we will notify you of your child's outcome.

Further information on the phonics screening check and useful resources to support your child at home can be found on our website:

http://www.stchads.derby.sch.uk/website/phonics_screening_check_/364345

Ensuring that your child is reading regularly and completing their weekly phonics/reading home learning, set via Class Dojo, will help them greatly in the run-up to this check.

Kind regards,

Ms. K Leach Headteacher

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