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Dear Parents or Carers

PHONICS SCREENING CHECK

In June, every Year 1 child will be taking the statutory Phonics Screening Check. The screen takes place week beginning 6th June. The check is very similar to tasks the children already complete during Phonics lessons, so it is something your child will be familiar with. The purpose of the check is to provide evidence of children's decoding and blending skills, not to test their vocabulary.

The check contains 40 words. Each child will sit one-to-one and read each word aloud to a teacher. The test will approximately 10 minutes per child, although all children are different and will complete the check at their own pace. The list of words the children read is a combination of 20 real words and 20 pseudo words (nonsense words). The nonsense words will be shown to your child with a picture of an alien. This provides the children with a context for the nonsense word which is independent from any existing vocabulary they may have. Nonsense words are included because they will be new to all children; they do not favour children with a good vocabulary knowledge or visual memory of words. Example pseudo words include feb, whape, blert & stroim.

Your child will be scored against a national standard and in previous years this has been **32**, although this will not be confirmed until after the check has been administered to all children across the country. You will be told the outcome of the screen for your child in July. If your child's score falls below the standard, they will be given extra phonics help and will have to re-take the Phonics screening check in Year 2.

You can help your child prepare for their Phonics Screening Check by going over the phonics they have learned in Reception and Year 1 (see appendix 1). Read new books and stories with them where they will be introduced to new words that they'll have to sound out, and review the phonics sounds and rules they have been taught.

We thank you for your continued support, and if you wish to discuss anything about the Phonics Screening Check please contact me or your child's class teacher to answer questions you might have.

Kind Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P Singleton', written over a horizontal line.

Paul Singleton
Assistant Headteacher

Graphemes taught in Reception and Year 1

s **a** **t** **p**
i **n** **m** **d**
g **o** **c** **k**
ck **e** **u** **r**
h **b** **f, ff** **l, ll** **ss**

Graphemes	Sample words	Graphemes	Sample words
ch	chip	ar	farm
sh	shop	or	for
th	thin/then	ur	hurt
ng	ring	ow	cow
ai	rain	oi	coin
ee	feet	ear	dear
igh	night	air	fair
oa	boat	ure	sure
oo	boot/look	er	corner

ay day	oy boy	wh when	a-e make
ou out	ir girl	ph photo	e-e these
ie tie	ue blue	ew new	i-e like
ea eat	aw saw	oe toe	o-e home
		au Paul	u-e rule



Example Screening Check Words

Section 1			
Word	Correct	Incorrect	Comment
tox			
bim			
vap			
ulf			
geck			
chom			
tord			
thazz			
blan			
steck			
hild			
quemp			
shin			
gang			
week			
chill			
grit			
start			
best			
hooks			

Section 2			
Word	Correct	Incorrect	Comment
voo			
jound			
terg			
fape			
snepp			
blurst			
spron			
stroft			
day			
slide			
newt			
phone			
blank			
trains			
strap			
scribe			
rusty			
finger			
dentist			
starling			

