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Dear Parents and Carers

It is that time of year again where we are preparing for end of year assessments and we thought it would be beneficial to share as much information with you so that you have an awareness of how we are supporting your children through the different stages.

That being said, we want you to know that this is an overview and if you feel that you require further information or would like to discuss your individual circumstances then please contact us.

Year 1 Phonics Screening

What is Phonics?

Children begin to learn phonics (sounds) in Early Years both Nursery and Reception. Once children begin learning sounds, these sounds are used orally to identify and make words. They will then begin to learn the letters which make each of the sounds and these are used to read and spell words. For this reason, the first initial sounds that are taught are 's', 'a', 't', 'p', 'i', 'n'. These can immediately be blended for reading to make simple CVC words (consonant, vowel, consonant) e.g. sat, pin. Children then develop segmenting for writing skills; breaking the word into sounds to spell it out.

What is the Phonics Screening Check?

The phonics screening check is designed to confirm whether individual children have learnt phonic decoding and blending skills to an appropriate standard.

What Happens During the Screening?

The test contains 40 words. Each child will sit one-to-one and read each word aloud to their teacher or another familiar adult.

The test will take approximately 10 minutes per child, although all children are different and will complete the check at their own pace. There is no time limit for the test.

The list of words the children read is a combination of 20 real words and 20 alien words (nonsense words). The alien words will be shown to your child with a picture of an alien. This provides the children with a context for the alien words which are independent from any existing vocabulary they may have.



Justice, Service, Koinonia

Alien words are included because they will be new to all pupils; they do not favour children with a good vocabulary knowledge or visual memory of words.

Children will largely be unaware of it being a test and have already participated in some practice ones.

Reporting to Parents

We will report each child's results to their parents with their summer report. This will also confirm if your child has met the standard threshold which is 32 out of 40. Children who do not achieve the expected level will retake the test when they are in Year 2.

Who takes the test?

All children in Year 1. In addition, any child in Year 2 who did not reach the required level when they took the test in Year 1 will take the test again in Year 2. If for any reason, we feel that there is a valid reason why your child should not take the test in Year 1, the class teacher will discuss this with you. Please note, this is only done in exceptional circumstances and your child would still be eligible to take the retake when they are in Year 2.

Year 2 KS1 SATs

It is important to note that although our Year 2 pupils do undertake English and mathematics SATs and they receive scores for them, their actual attainment outcomes are informed by teacher assessment. This means that the assessments made by the class teacher would override the test scores, in essence also buffering our young pupils from being penalised should they have 'a bad day' or perform out of character at the time.

When conducting the Year 2 SATs, unlike the Year 6 SATs, there is more flexibility allowed in how they are administered and it is open to the judgement of the teacher to do so in the way that will be best suited to the children following routines that they are most familiar with.

Our arrangements are as follows:

Flexibility means that there are no set dates; our tests will take place **between Monday 15th May and Friday 26th May 2023.**

- The children will work in two small groups for each of the tests. They will undertake them in the staffroom near Class2 and will be supported by two adults, led by Mrs Lindley. If required then the papers can be delivered on a one to one basis, this will be at the discretion of Mrs Lindley and be dependent on individual circumstances.
- Children are able to take a break if required; they just need to complete the test on the same day that they started it.
- There are two reading papers and two maths papers, children will only complete on paper on any given day.

Again, as reassurance, the flexibility is there with the age and maturity of the children in question and we endeavour to ensure that they are fully supported throughout.

Year 4 Multiplication Check

This is a more recent addition to our assessment calendar and is to ensure that our children move into Upper Key Stage 2 with a high level of mental mathematical recall. We have already been focussing on this throughout this year, with daily opportunities to practice of similar software to that used for the formal test so that they are not only secure in their times table knowledge, but the process of the test.



- There is a window for children to complete this test, between **Monday 5th June and Friday 16th June 2023**.
- The test is a series of 25 times tables questions, up to and including 12x12 and they are each six seconds apart. The children complete this via an online portal on iPads (we have found this the most efficient way to input answers) and will be done so on a one-to-one basis in a quiet room with two adults, led by Mrs Lindley. The scores are automatically logged on the system and then reported back to school later in the academic year.

It is vital to note that there is not a pass or fail score; they will just be given a score out of 25.

Year 6 KS2 SATs

Due to the Coronation of King Charles III, there is a slight difference to the timetable to previous years with the following time table being set out by the Department for Education:

Tuesday 9th May 2023 – Grammar paper and spelling paper

Wednesday 10th May 2023 – English Reading paper

Thursday 11th May 2023 – Mathematics Paper 1: Arithmetic and Paper 2: Reasoning

Friday 12th May 2023 – Mathematics Paper 3: Reasoning

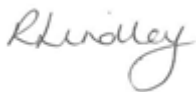
This is a fixed timetable for the week, tests will start once the children are settled and ready for the tests to start.

Our arrangements will be as follows:

- The most important part for the children – there will be a free breakfast supplied on each of the days in the staffroom near Class 3 so that children have time to come into school, settle and prepare themselves for the day. Children can arrive at the Class 2 staffroom at 8am.
- Tests will be administered by two members of staff, led by Mrs Lindley.
- They will take place in a quiet room with all displays covered where necessary.
- Children have already completed practice papers so that they are familiar with the procedures and expectations so that they feel settled during the week.
- There are no tests in the afternoons.

Again, I want to reassure you that if you require any additional information then please contact us – we are on hand to help!

Yours sincerely,



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