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Year 1/2 Statutory Phonics Screening Test – June 2014

Dear parents

In 2012, the Government have introduced a statutory assessment of phonic skills and knowledge for children in Year One. This will take place again this year for children in Year One and some Year two pupils.

Phonics is a way of teaching children to read through them being able to recognise sounds that individual and combinations of letters make and being able to 'blend' them together to make words. Your child has been taught phonics in daily sessions since they joined us either in Nursery or Reception and this has continued into Year One and so they are familiar with using their knowledge of letter sounds in their reading.

This year, the statutory assessment will take place during the week commencing Monday 16th June 2014. It is therefore extremely important that your child is in school that week as all children are required to participate in the assessment and the results are reported to the Government. **Please note no requests for authorised absence will be granted for Y1 pupils during the week commencing 16th June 2014.**

I would like to invite you to attend a brief information meeting about this phonics assessment on Wednesday 21st May 2014 at 2.45pm. At the meeting, Mrs Giddings, Mrs Bloor and I will be sharing more details about the phonics assessment with you and we will be able to answer any questions you may have. The meeting will be held in the hall. Please arrive at the main entrance for 2.40pm.

The meeting will finish by 3.15pm in time for you to collect your children at the end of the school day. Please complete and return the attached slip to Mrs Giddings to let us know you will be joining us. If you are unable to attend the meeting, we will send home an information leaflet on the day which you will give you more detailed information about the new phonics assessment. We will then be happy to answer any questions you may have when you have read the leaflet so please arrange to see one of us.

I do hope that you will be able to join us on Wednesday 21st May 2014 and look forward to seeing you.

Kind regards

Mrs Carol Hines
Headteacher

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I confirm that I *will/will not be attending the information meeting on Wednesday 21st May 2014 at 2.45pm.

* Please delete as appropriate

Name:

Name of child: