



**An invitation to Reception and Year 1 parents/carers to come to school
and find out more about the Y1 Phonics Screen Check.**

Dear Parents/Carers,

I just wanted to share with you the fact that children in Year 1 throughout the country will take a Phonics screen check during the same week in June. The results are then reported nationally. These results are also really helpful for our Year 2 teachers in September when the children move up.

The Phonics Screen Check consists of 40 words for each child to read. 20 of the words are real and 20 are alien (nonsense) words. Nonsense words check that children will be able to read sounds they know in unfamiliar words. The children are very used to reading these types of words in their RWI phonic sessions and therefore it will be nothing new to them. Each child will sit one to one and read each word aloud to a teacher.

To pass the screen, in the past, children have to read 32/40 correctly. This pass rate could change but it has been this for several years now. If they do not pass, they will need to retake it in Y2. The phonics screening check is designed to confirm whether individual children have learnt phonic decoding and blending skills to an appropriate standard.

I would like to invite you to the drama hall on Thursday 16th March at 9am for 'Phonics and fancies'. I will talk you through the check, share resources with you and there will also be hot drinks and treats on offer too. I really hope you can make it. I anticipate the session lasting approximately 20-30 minutes.

Reception parents-we thought you might just find this meeting useful. We know it's a whole year away for your children but this will help you to see what we are all striving for.

Please access the drama hall from the door on the children's scooter track (through the gate that you would access breakfast and after school club).

*The Scholastic Book Fair will also be available for you to purchase books. Around the Drama Hall, there will be a QR code which will take you to a page where you will need to type the school's name. From there, you will be asked to enter details including your address and email address, followed by card details for payment, just as you would if ordering something online. To be clear, **there will not be an option to pay by cash, it will be card payments only.***



If you have any problems, please email me, kcoombe@goosewell.plymouth.sch.uk and I will do my best to help! Thank you for all of your continued support with reading and phonics.

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