Dear Parents/ Carers,

I am writing to let you know that all Year 1 pupils across England will be taking part in the statutory phonics screening check.

**What is the phonics screening check?**

* The check is a short, simple assessment to make sure all children are making good progress with phonics.
* Your child will be asked to read 40 words – some are real, and some are ‘alien’ (nonsense) words.
* The check helps teachers see how pupils are developing their phonics skills and where extra help may be needed.
* It usually takes 5 to 10 minutes and is carried out by your child class teacher.

**Parent/carers Information Meeting**

To help you understand more about the phonics screening check, we would like to invite you to a short meeting:

* **Date:** Monday 29th September
* **Time:** 8:45am

Please wait at the school gate at morning drop off and staff will take you to the Year One Classrooms

At the meeting, we will cover:

* What happens during the screening
* How you can help your child at home
* What support is available if your child needs extra help

There will be time for questions at the end.

**What do you need to do next?**

* Please come along to the meeting
* If you have any questions before then, please speak to your child’s class teacher

**How can you help your child at home?**

* Read together daily, including both storybooks and simple word games
* Encourage your child to sound out words and praise their effort
* Play games to practise decoding

Thank you for your continued support.

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