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Dear Parents

Years 1 and 2 Phonics Screening Check

As part of the process of learning to read, the children at Fleckney Primary School have been learning phonics throughout the Foundation Stage, Year 1 and Year 2. They undertake daily lessons using our phonics scheme 'Little Wandle - Letters and Sounds Revised,' practicing and applying their skills regularly throughout the school day and reading matched reading books three times a week in school.

In the week commencing Monday 8th June, your child will take part in a national phonics screening check. Every child in Year 1 will take part. Some children in Year 2 who did not reach the expected level in Year 1 will also take the check. Those children have been receiving intense support to help them this year. The check is a quick and easy check of your child's phonic knowledge. It helps us to confirm whether your child has made the expected progress.

How does the check work?

- Your child will sit with one of their teachers and be asked to read 40 words aloud.
- Your child may have read some of the words before, while others will be completely new.
- The check normally takes just a few minutes to complete and there is no time limit. If your child is struggling, the teacher will stop the check. The check is carefully designed not to be stressful for your child.
- Your child will receive a special certificate for taking part in the check.

The check will contain a mix of real words and 'non-words'. Your child will be familiar with non-words as they have been used in our phonics lessons. We call them alien words. It is important to include non-words to ensure that children use their decoding skills rather than memory to read them.

After the check

We will tell you about your child's progress in phonics and the result of the screening check before the end of this term. If your child has found the check difficult, we will tell you what support we will put in place to help them improve. All children are individuals and develop at different rates. The screening check ensures that teachers understand which children need extra help with phonic decoding next year.

Please see the attached information from Little Wandle.
Come and speak to us if you have any questions or queries.

Yours sincerely

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