

Dear Year 2 parents,

We have reached the end of another week and I continue to be really encouraged by the start your children have made in Year 2. You have clearly prepared them all well!

You will be aware that, due to the lockdown this year, your children did not complete their Phonics Screening check in year 1. We have now been advised by the Government that we should undertake this check with your children after the coming half term. I would like to reassure you that we will do this very discretely and that your child will not be aware that it is anything other than one of the phonics assessment which we carry out from time to time in school to assess progress.

The Year 2 team are revisiting the Phonics programme as part of their weekly teaching to ensure the children are as ready as possible. Children who we feel will benefit from a quick booster session will be invited into school for an 'early bird' session from 8.25am over the coming weeks.

We have also been advised that the Year 2 end of year assessments and tests will also go ahead. Again, please be reassured that we will ensure that your children are unaware of being 'tested' when the time comes and that it is the Teacher Assessment which is the most important element of the end of year assessment. It is however really important that your children miss as little time as possible this year, bearing in mind what they have already missed in year 1, so please try to avoid term time holidays.

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend - this lovely weather is definitely welcome, even if today there is an Autumn crispness to it!

Best wishes

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