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Dear Parents and Carers,

As some of you will be aware, pupils are required to complete a phonics assessment at the end of year 1. This year, due to COVID, this did not happen. Those children who missed the phonics screen, the current year 2 cohort, will now be required to sit the screen during term 2 of this academic year. Rather than producing a new screen, the school can choose a past paper (either 2017, 2018 or 2019) for the children to sit. The screen requires children to read 40 words which can be 'sounded out'. Some are real words e.g. crab or splint and some are nonsense words e.g. fip or splunk. The children are given a score out of 40. The children are considered to have met the threshold if they receive a score of 32 or above (please note the threshold score can vary from year to year but has been 32 for the previous 9 years).

The children can take the assessment at any point during term 2; at Chilton we will be completing it during the week commencing 30th November. It will feel very informal for the children, who will come out of class and sit with Mrs Cheshire to read the words. They are very used to completing phonics assessments like this, so they should feel no pressure at all.

If you wish to support your child in preparing for the phonics screen you can firstly ensure they know all the sounds required. The list of sounds they need to know are attached to this e mail. If there are any they are unsure of you could make a note of them and play some games e.g. snap in order to try and help the children remember and recall the sounds.

You could also go through some past papers to get the children familiar with the layout. These can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/national-curriculum-assessments-practice-materials#phonics-screening-check-resources>

When reading a word remind the children to look for 'special friends' first, then say the sounds and finally read the word. For example, if reading the word 'boost' the children would say "oo... b-oo-s-t... boost".

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to speak to Miss Keam, Miss Davey or Mrs Cheshire.

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs Cheshire

Assistant Head

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