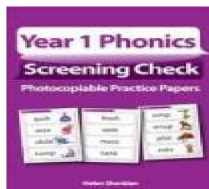




April Newsletter

MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD

The summer term is a very busy term for our children. In May, the year 2 children will take their national curriculum tests and the year 1 and 2's will be taking their phonics tests.



PHONICS SCREENING CHECK FOR YEAR 1 and 2

This term, all children in England will be screened in Year One for their reading of phonics.

Our school has been using phonic assessments just like this for many years so this process will be very familiar to the children. We use our assessments so we can accurately group children, so this process will simply replace one of our usual phonics assessments.

What happens?

- The assessments will comprise of a short session with their teacher, where they will be asked to read 40 words aloud.
- The check will contain real and "non-words" (or nonsense words). This allows us to assess their ability to de-code words, rather than just relying on their sight vocabulary.
- The check will take a few minutes to complete and there is no time limit.
- They will take place in **the week beginning 12th June.**

NURSERY

Please note the Nursery will be closed on the 1st May and open the half term week from 29th May - 2nd June.

SUNSHINE

In the event that we have some sunshine, please remember to include a sun hat and to apply sun cream. Sun cream can be applied before school and sun hats can be left at school. Please make sure they are labelled though!



SPORTS DAY

This year our sports day will be held on Thursday 13th July and Friday 14th July. This is due to the fact that the building work has encroached onto our playing field making it too small to safely hold our usual sports day.

ART EXHIBITION - PARISH HALL

The Art exhibition at the Parish Hall will be held during the half term break. You will be able to see many of our children's work where we will be recognising such diverse creativity.

SAINSBURY'S VOUCHERS & SECOND HAND UNIFORM

We are still collecting Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers. Please place vouchers in the Sainsbury's box outside the school office. If you have any old uniform you wish to donate to FOSPINS please drop it into the office. Thank you!

ATTENDANCE

Thank you to all those families who make sure their children are on time every day and attend regularly. There is much research that proves the positive effect on learning that good attendance and



punctuality makes. Please can we remind you to try, if possible, to attend medical appointments after school time. Thank you.

CONGRATULATIONS

To Miss Kerry who is expecting her first child in August and to Miss Money who is expecting her second child in October.

BANK HOLIDAY

Please be reminded that School will be closed to all pupils on Monday 1st May as this is a Bank Holiday.

ARTS WEEK

The children really enjoyed the wealth of experiences in arts week. Many thanks to Mrs Phillips and staff for all their hard work. A big thank you for all parents who cooked cakes for our sale which made £77 which will be spent on art resources.

NITS

The NHS suggests two methods of dealing with this problem - wet combing or the use of lotions and sprays. Their advice on what is not recommended is interesting.

Treatments not recommended

The following treatments aren't recommended because they're unlikely to be effective:

- products containing permethrin
- head lice "repellents"
- electric head lice combs
- tree and plant oil treatments, such as tea tree oil, eucalyptus oil, and lavender oil
- herbal remedies

There's also no need to stay off work or school or wash clothing and laundry on a hot wash, as this is unlikely to be useful.

END OF SCHOOL

Although we appreciate that, from time to time, something happens that prevents parents from collecting children on time at the end of school, we have seen an increasing number of children who are collected late every day. This is unsettling for the children and causes them unnecessary anxiety. Please could we therefore ask all parents/carers to aim to collect children from their classroom doors at 3.15 every day.

DIARY DATES

8th May - Cross Country at Holt Hall
9th May - Dentist
29th May - Half term
25th May - Maypole demonstrating to parents
29th May - Art exhibition at the Parish hall
12th June - Multi cultural week (Australia)
20th June - Bewilderwood Year 2's
20th June - New Reception Parents
27th June - Dinosaur Park Year 1's
28th June - Sheringham Park Year R's
29th June - Sheringham Park Year R's
3rd July - Healthy living week
6th/7th July - Moving up days
13th July - Sports day
14th July - Flat and Fun Races
Year 2 Leaver's assemblies - times to be confirmed
Graduation Ceremony for our Nursery children (2pm) TBC
21st July - SCHOOL CLOSED 3:15
6th September - SCHOOL RE-OPENS

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