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Dear parents and carers,

Phonics Screening Check!

I wanted to let you know that the week beginning Monday 23rd November, all children in Year 2 will be taking part in a Phonics Screening check. This usually would have taken place at the end of Year 1, but due to COVID, it has been postponed until now.

This is a screen which checks your child's phonic knowledge and ability to read these sounds in words. The check takes around 10 minutes and will be with your child's class teacher. They will be asked to read 20 real words and 20 'alien' words. This check is completed to ensure your child has a secure knowledge of phonic sounds which of course will help them to learn to read fluently.

The check is nothing to worry about and of course here at Beaver Green we will make the children feel as comfortable as possible. The children won't even know they are being tested!

I have set a few assignments on Google Classroom which would really help your child if you could practise these at home regularly, prior to the check.

I have attached a few links which gives some more information about the check, but if you have any questions, please speak to your child's class teacher, or ask them to speak to me and I can give you a call.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LbKGLJPp6ww>

<https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/at-school/primary-school-assessment-tests/year-1-phonics-screening-check/>

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