

Dear Parents/ carers,

Phonics is a crucial and critical part of education and is vital to producing confident, talented and independent readers and writers. Developing sound knowledge effectively enables children to work out words when reading and to sound out words for writing. It teaches children strategies to work out more difficult words and introduces 'tricky words' and sounds which don't follow the basic rules.

Our school uses a mixed Letters and Sounds and Jolly Phonics approach from Year R to Year 2. This is to develop the children's success within writing and to continue the success of reading. This scheme is an active one and focuses on independence, with the children having to be resilient and challenged to solve problems by themselves.

Learning phonics well at this early point in the children's lives will have a dramatic effect on the future of their reading and writing education, and in their lives. We are therefore holding an information session for parents, grandparents (or anybody else who is involved in your child's learning) to inform you on how phonics is taught, what it is used for and how to support your child at home. The session will take place on **Wednesday 2nd October at 18:00** in the school hall.

Supporting your child's learning at home and embedding the foundations of their teaching is truly important. Therefore, **we strongly advise that you attend the session** so that you are fully able to support your child's learning and have any questions you have answered. This session will be primarily tailored to the teaching of early Phonics. The PowerPoint will be available on our website after the talk, should you want any information from it, although not all that will be said and explained will be on the slides and may be difficult to understand if not heard. If you attended for a sibling last year or the year before, you are not obliged to come again, unless you'd like a refresher.

Please complete the form below in order for us to know how many people will be attending. We are happy for more than one person from each family to come; we just need to know the numbers so we have the right amount of chairs. Please return by **Friday 27th September**.

If you are unable to attend, please let us know your reasons, as we may be able to find a solution.

Please arrive in the school hall by 17:55, so we can start promptly, the session should take around an hour.

Thank you for your time and your tremendous effort at supporting your child/ren and the school.

Yours sincerely,

The Year R Team.

Phonics Information Session- Wednesday 2nd October.

Child's Name _____ Child's Class _____

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