

# Rye Community Primary School & Pugwash Nursery The Grove, Rye, East Sussex TN31 7ND www.ryeprimary.co.uk

Executive Headteacher: Mr Barry Blakelock Head of School: Miss Kelly Martin



8<sup>th</sup> January 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

### <u>Key Stage 1 Phonics & SATS Information Sessions</u> <u>Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2020</u>

As you already might be aware, during your child's time in Key Stage 1, the government requires them to take part in some mandatory assessments. In order that you, as parents, are fully aware of what the tests entail we are planning to hold two Parental Information Sessions.

### **Year 1 Phonics Screening Check**

All Year 1 children undertake a Phonics Screening Check in June. Throughout the year we continually check the children's phonics progress and attainment and we carry out this 'Screening Check' in a similar fashion so that the children see it as part as their usual practise. In order that you, as parents, are fully aware of what the check entails and the ways that you can support your child at home, the year 1 team are holding a phonics workshop at 2:15 – 2.45pm on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January. By working alongside your child, you will have the opportunity to explore the fun activities you can do at home to support your child's learning.

#### Year 2 SATS

Towards the end of your child's time in Key Stage 1, all year 2 children are required to take part in a SATs Test in Reading GPS (Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling) and Maths. Teachers also have to assess the children against the end of Key Stage 1 expectations in Reading, Writing and Maths. These teacher assessments are reported to you, East Sussex County Council and are also communicated with your child's next class teacher. With the children being so young, we try to make these 'tests' as low key as possible and in fact we do not label them as 'tests' with the children, but more of a 'special job'.

So that you can be familiar with the end of Key Stage 1 expectations and what the tests entail the Key Stage 2 team are holding an information session for parents at **3.15 – 3.45pm on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January**. As previously stated, it is our every wish that the tests are low-key and that no pressure is put onto the children, therefore Mr Thomas has kindly offered to look after any school-age children whilst the session takes place.

We hope that by running the two sessions consecutively, parents will be able to attend both if they are relevant to them and their child. If for any reason you are unable to attend, we will ensure that any information shared at the meeting is put onto the School Website and copies of any hand-outs will be made available. Please indicate on the reply slip below which session you wish to attend.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Leigh Key Stage 1 Phase Leader





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	Yes, I will be able to attend the <b>Year 1 Phonics Workshop</b> .
	Yes, I will be able to attend the <b>Year 2 SATS information session</b> .
	I will not be able to attend the Year 1 / Year 2 session (delete as appropriate) but I would like to receive a copy of the hand-out.
	If you are unable to attend but are interested in coming to a session later in the term, please indicate here. If there is sufficient demand, we will notify you of a future date and time.
Child's name: Class:	
Signed	



Please complete and return to school by Tuesday 14th January 2020

