

# Padnell Infant School

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To the Parents and Carers of children in Year 1,

As many of you I am sure are aware, your child will take the statutory phonic test this year. In line with regulations, this will take place during the week of 12th June 2017.

The children will take the test in the Emotional Literacy Room accompanied by their teacher. They will have to read 40 words, 20 of which will be 'alien' words i.e. ones that are not real words. The test is not about their ability to read but instead their ability to break down words into individual units of sound 'phonemes' and blend them back together to make a word. In past years the children have had to score 32/40 to pass but the official pass mark is not revealed until after the tests are complete.

Your help over the next few weeks in securing the children's knowledge of this area of learning would be greatly appreciated. To find out all about the test and ways to help your child at home we are inviting you to an information meeting on Tuesday 2nd May at 6pm (no need to book a place – please just turn up).

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Mandy Grayson  
Headteacher

Miss Rachel Skillern  
English Leader

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**R**esilient learner  
**O**riginal thinker  
**W**ise worker

