



# MICKLEOVER PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

As from next Monday 21<sup>st</sup> September we will be restarting daily phonics sessions in Years 1 and 2. We follow the government 'Letters and Sounds Phonics Programme,' split into six phases, which children work on from Reception through to Year 2. Phonics is a fundamental way in which children learn to read and spell in school.

In order for us to develop the way in which we support pupils in Years 1 and 2 this year, we have grouped the children across the infants according to their reading level. This means that your child will be working in a group that is suitable for their needs and they will be taught by a member of the infant staff, although this may not always be their class teacher.

As part of our new approach to teaching phonics we are also going to be setting weekly phonics homework. This will replace the weekly spelling test that your child will be used to. Homework will be set on Monday and needs to be completed and returned to school by Friday. Your child will be given a worksheet or activity to complete in their phonics homework book based on the current phonemes (sounds) or high frequency words they are working on with their group.

During this school year we will be running a phonics workshop for any parents who would like to learn more about how to support their child at home. We will send information about this workshop later this term.

Thank you for your support,

Mrs Jones  
Assistant Headteacher KS1

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Literacy Co-ordinator KS1