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# Apple News No 34

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Dear Parents and Carers,

First, huge apologies for cancelling the phonics drop in on Thursday. The phonics screening check will take place during the week commencing June 12<sup>th</sup>. You can find out more about the check at [oxfordowl.co.uk](http://oxfordowl.co.uk), which has several very useful parent's pages. Most of the class are set to achieve the expected standard, but there are some who are not as secure as I would like. I would recommend [phonicsplay.co.uk](http://phonicsplay.co.uk) for practise activities, there is even a setting on the Reading Robot activity called 'screening check' which is designed to practise the type of words that will be tested. To score well in the check, children need to be confident up to phase 5a; it does not test the huge range of alternative pronunciations and spellings taught in phases 5b and 5c or the spelling and grammar rules taught in phase 5c and phase 6. So, if you are able to practise, please focus on activities at phase 4 and 5a and keep talking about and practising as you read together.

This week in English we have been using the 'boxing up' strategy to help us understand the structure of 'beating the baddie' stories. We then used 'boxing up' to plan and write our own 'beating the baddie' stories.

In maths we have continued to work on addition and subtraction, this time using numbertracks and numberlines to show the parts and the whole numbers.

As the weather has warmed up, many children have brought suncream into school. Some parents are choosing to apply a long lasting cream before school to protect children for the whole day, however if you do choose to send children with their own cream, please make sure that your child is well practised at applying it for him/herself and that they know that they should apply it at the beginning of lunchtime play.

Please note that most of our PE lessons will now be outside. This means that children need to have trainers in school. A couple of children have said they don't want to wear their trainers as they don't fit, so please can you check over the holidays and replace them if necessary. Also can we remind you that children need trainers they can fasten themselves.

Mrs Powell has not given any new spellings this week as she will be revisiting those practised over the half term.

Don't forget to return your reply slips and payments for the trip to Banham Zoo as soon as possible!

Let's hope the sun keeps shining!

Have a fabulous half term break,

Mrs Rugg, Mrs Powell, Mrs Mason & Miss Forde

