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End of Year Letter July 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

What a wonderful and productive year we have had and such a lovely final week of celebration too. Thank you to those of you who were able to support some of these special events - we are so proud of your children.

Pupil Progress

Our foundation stage children have made good progress this year and it has been great to see them grow in confidence throughout the year. The Year 1 Phonic outcomes were good and in line with the Local Authority average and at 81% pass, showing that our Read Write Inc Phonics approach is having a positive impact on outcomes. Although on the whole, we are still striving to meet national expectations. We are extremely proud of the progress that the children have been able to make this year, especially with how challenging the statutory assessments have been and how thresholds being moved again. The KS1 SAT results are a slight improvement on last years but with a smaller class. The overall KS2 SAT results show a 12% increase in writing outcomes compared to last years and a higher percentage of greater depth learners in reading, writing & spag. In year progress is also good too. Additionally to the progress in the SATs, we also have some talented performers, sports stars, musicians, artists and leaders which we are very proud of too. A huge thank you and well done to all the teaching team for all their hard work and commitment.

WPT Primary Awards event

This week some of our Y6 were delighted to be specially invited to attend the first Wickersley Partnership Primary Awards event at the Civic theatre. Our Y6 pupils received awards for 'outstanding effort', 'Outstanding sportsmanship', 'overcoming barriers', 'best attainment in Reading, Maths, SPAG and Writing' and 'Headteachers awards' These awards were presented by the CEO of the Trust Mrs O'Brian and the directors. Our Y5 and 6 Choir also performed beautifully during the ceremony. It really was an extra special event to be part of and the pupils, parents, staff and I



were so proud of their achievements. The Y5 members of the choir were also excited to have this opportunity next year too.

Staff News

The transition days went really well. Both the children and parent feedback has been positive on the whole. September brings Mrs Roper and Mrs Hanley to strengthen our teaching team further. Sadly we also say goodbye and thank you to Mrs Beaumont, Mr Parkinson and Mr Hamilton as their temporary support comes to an end. A huge thank you to Mrs Beaumont for all her support with the KS1 SATs this year and leading and organising the wonderful whole school art gallery this year. Some stunning artwork has been produced. We also say goodbye to Miss O'Brien and wish her all the very best in her teacher training. A huge thank you to her for all the support with the Y6 in their preparation for their SATs and helping out with their residential to Whirlow Farm. Congratulations to Miss Brookes on the birth of her beautiful baby girl too.

Last Term Celebrations

Thank you to all of the parents who have attended many of the wonderful events this term. We had a great turn out for the opening of our Art Gallery, Sports Days, Y6 Leavers assemblies and awards assembly, which was very much appreciated. The Y6 Leavers assembly was a chance to see our very musically talented children perform. Thank you to all the staff for the hours of preparation for these events. You really have some talented children, that I am sure you are proud of as much as we are!

Breakfast Club/Attendance matters

Our breakfast club is a huge success so far starting with 30 pupils attending and increasing up to 74 pupils more recently. The children are enjoying the tasty bagels and spending time with their friends in a range of fun activities. Additionally the attendance of these pupils in particular is improving too. In order for children to be able to reach their full potential in school, it is vital that they attend every day. This **free provision** for **all pupils** will continue in September too. Thank you to parents who have supported this so far.

School Pet!

We are delighted to inform you that we have a new school pet. An adorable baby rabbit named Fudge by the children. The children are all doing a great job of looking after him too and just love to give him cuddles and strokes.

Curriculum and New Topics

We have some new and exciting topics planned for your children including some really interesting educational visits.

Inset Days 2018/19

Children return to school on Wednesday 5th September- (FS1 on Monday 10th Sep) and the planned inset training days in the first term are as follows;

Monday 3rd September 2017 & Tuesday 4th September 2018.

Wishing you all a wonderful summer break!

Yours Sincerely,

Z Norris

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Headteacher