



## NEWSLETTER - July 2018

'Together we can..'

We have reached the end of another very successful and busy school year. We have welcomed many visitors into school and all the children have had many, many opportunities to go on curriculum visits throughout the year.

All our residential visits have been very popular and thoroughly enjoyed by the children and staff. We have held two whole school performance days and all year groups have performed a major assembly during the year. We hope you have enjoyed coming in to school for assemblies, workshops, science days and topic 'Wow' days. We hope to hold even more of these next year so keep your eyes peeled for more details.

Thank you to all for helping to make Fun Day so successful, it was a lovely event and great fun, everyone enjoyed themselves in the sun.

We hope parents enjoyed all of these events as much as the children and staff did. Any suggestions for future events, please let us know.

### Staffing

Unfortunately, we will be saying goodbye to two members of staff at the end of term. Mr Stock is leaving us to go travelling around South East Asia and Mr Jackson is leaving to work elsewhere in education. Both are very sad to be leaving us but have exciting times in front of them. They will be greatly missed and we wish them all the best in the next chapter of their lives.

All the children have met their new teachers and visited their new class. We are welcoming one new teacher next year, Miss Sylvester will be teaching in Year 3.

During the summer, two members of staff are getting married. Miss Simpson (F2 Hedgehogs) will return as Mrs Storey (not to be confused with Mr Story!) and Ms Goring (music) will return as Mrs Wilford.

### Leavers and Arrivals

Our Year 6 children have been visiting their secondary schools, ready for next year and we wish them all the best at their new schools. They have been working really hard over the past few weeks to prepare for their performance of Twelfth Night and I know it will be a wonderful evening and leave the children with very special memories of Sparkenhoe.

We look forward to welcoming our new Foundation 1 and Foundation 2 children to school in August to begin their Sparkenhoe journey.

### Summer Holidays

There are many free activities provided for children in Leicester during the summer holidays. We have put some links on our school website. In the Information section there is a page: Summer Holiday Information 2018, follow the links to find activities that your children can get involved in.

### Attainment

We are very pleased with our end of KS2 SATs results this year. Our results are all above the national average. Well done to all the staff and children. Final published results will be as follows:

**Reading, writing and maths:** 72% at expected (National average: 64%); 9% higher standard

**Reading:** 76% at expected (National average: 75%); 26% higher standard

**Writing Teacher assessment:** 84% at expected (National average: 78%); 15% higher standard

**Maths:** 81% at expected (National average: 76%); 35% higher standard

**Grammar, punctuation and spelling:** 88% at expected (National average: 78%); 49% higher standard

<b>2018-19 Staff</b>		
<b>Foundation Stage</b>		<b>Leader: Mrs Simpson</b>
	<b>Teacher</b>	<b>Support</b>
F1 Robins and Owls	Mrs Simpson	Mrs Vaghela Mrs Khan                      Mrs Shaikh
F2 Foxes	Miss Lad	Mrs Hamid
F2 Hedgehogs	Mrs Storey (Miss Simpson)	Mrs Limbada                      Mrs Jhalla
<b>KS1 (Years 1 and 2)</b>		<b>Leader: Mrs Christopher</b>
1 Penguins	Mrs Johal/Mrs Andrews	Mrs Patel Ms Johnson/Mrs Gurung
1 Polar Bears	Miss Clarke/Mrs James	
2 Sharks	Mrs Christopher	Mrs Omarji
2 Starfish	Mrs Choudary	Miss Harrison
<b>Lower KS2 (Year 3 and 4)</b>		<b>Leader: Mrs Adam</b>
3 Orion	Mrs Adam	Mrs Khalid
3 Andromeda	Miss Sylvester	Mrs Samaria
4 Kalahari	Mr Currie	Mrs Sherwin
4 Sahara	Mr Hiley	Mrs Hafeez
<b>Upper KS2 (Year 5 and 6) (Gopsall Building)</b>		<b>Leader: Mr Marsh</b>
5 Bosworth	Mr Cooper	Ms Farley
5 Bradgate	Miss Modha	Mrs Dodia
6 Othello	Mr Marsh	Miss Kataria
6 Hamlet	Miss Boulter	Mrs Bond
Additional SEN support staff: Mrs Anand; Mrs Gani; Mrs Russell; Mrs Green; Mrs Rassid; Mrs Pattani; Mrs Daley; Ms Simms; Ms Lad; Mr Ali		
<u>PPA/Management Cover</u> Mrs S Patel <u>Music and Drama</u> Mrs Wilford (Ms Goring) <u>PE</u> Mr Story; Mr Ali <u>SENCO</u> Miss Burns		<u>Headteacher</u> Miss Jones <u>Deputy Headteachers</u> Mr Cheetham Mrs Cooper <u>Assistant Headteacher</u> Mr Marsh <u>Kidszone:</u> Mrs R Patel; Mrs Pathan; Mr Ali

### Uniform

School will be open for the sale of school uniform on **Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> August** from 1.30 pm to 3.00 pm and **Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> August** from 9.00 am to 11.00 am.

### Term Dates 2018/19

School starts for children on **THURSDAY 30<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2018**. We look forward to seeing everyone then. Have a lovely holiday.

We welcome your views and thoughts and are always around if you need to talk to us. If you would like to raise an issue or ask a question to a member of our Governing Body, please email [govs@sparkenhoe.leicester.sch.uk](mailto:govs@sparkenhoe.leicester.sch.uk). As always, you can make an appointment if you need to speak to a member of staff in private.

**Rhian Jones    Headteacher**