



NEWSLETTER - July 2016

'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 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. There have been many sporting events and activities during the year and all children have taken part in sports days. There have also been musical events and performances, including performances by our brass band and recorder groups. We hope parents enjoyed all of these events as much as the children and staff.

Staffing

We will be saying goodbye to some staff at the end of term. Miss Casson is leaving us to start a new job at a school in Lincolnshire. Miss Begum is leaving as she is getting married and moving out of the area. After 15 years teaching at Sparkenhoe, Mrs Copley will be retiring. All three 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 two new teachers next year - Miss Boulter and Miss Modha in Year 5. Ms Adam is returning from extended maternity leave and will be teaching in Year 3. We have a new Nursery Nurse, Mrs Limbada, who will be working in Foundation 2.

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 Romeo and Juliet and I know it will be a wonderful evening and leave the children with very special memories of Sparkenhoe.

We also held induction sessions for our new Foundation children and parents recently. They played in their new classroom and met their teachers, ready for a good start in September. We look forward to welcoming them to school in September to begin their Sparkenhoe journey. We will also be welcoming many new Year 5 children as we have an extra class from September. I'm sure they will settle in quickly.

Attainment

We are very pleased with our end of KS2 SATs results this year. Recent changes to assessment meant that the tests were harder this year and quite different to previous years when we had levels. However, our results are all well above the national average. Well done to all the staff and children. Results are as follows:

Reading, writing and maths: 71% at expected (National average: 53%)

Reading: 79% at expected (National average: 66%)

Writing Teacher assessment: 79% at expected (National average: 74%)

Maths: 84% at expected (National average: 70%)

Grammar, punctuation and spelling: 82% at expected (National average: 72%)

2016-17 Staff		
Foundation Stage		
	Teacher	Support
F1 Rainbows and Sunshine	Mrs Simpson	Mrs Vaghela Mrs Khan Mrs Shaikh
F2 Caterpillars	Miss Lad	Mrs Hamid
F2 Butterflies	Miss Simpson	Mrs Limbada
KS1 (Years 1 and 2)		
1 Penguins	Mrs Johal/Mr Story	Mr Ali Ms Johnson/Mrs Gurung
1 Polar Bears	Miss Clarke/Mrs Cooper	
2 Sharks	Mrs Christopher	Mrs Samaria Mrs Patel
2 Starfish	Mrs Bandy/Mrs Andrews	Ms Johnson/Miss Lad Miss Harrison
Lower KS2 (Year 3 and 4)		
3 Fiennes	Mrs Adam	Mrs Bond
3 Scott	Mr Cooper	Mrs Khalid
4 Armstrong	Mr Currie	Mrs Omarji
4 Hubble	Mrs Choudhury	Mrs Alli
Upper KS2 (Year 5 and 6) (Gopsall Building)		
5 Galileo	Mr Hiley	Ms Farley
5 Newton	Miss Modha	Mrs Dodia
5 da Vinci	Miss Boulter	Miss Kataria
6 Churchill	Mr Marsh	Mrs Sherwin
6 Shakespeare	Miss Cook	Mrs Hafeez-Khan
<u>PPA/Management Cover</u> Miss Goring Mrs Patel Mr Story		<u>Acting Deputy Heads</u> Mr Cheetham Mrs Cooper
<u>SENCO</u> Miss Burns		<u>Acting Head</u> Miss Jones

Uniform

School will be open for the sale of school uniform on Wednesday 24th August from 10.30 am to 12.00 pm and Thursday 25th August from 1.00 pm to 3.00 pm.

Term Dates 2016/17

School starts for children on **Tuesday 30th August 2016**. We look forward to seeing everyone then. Have a lovely holiday.

There will be one more closure day for children during the school year which has not been determined yet.

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. As always, you can make an appointment if you need to speak to a member of staff in private.

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