



## NEWSLETTER - July 2017

'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.

The Hunstanton trip was a particular highlight of the year. Everyone had a lovely day paddling in the sea and playing on the beach. Thank you to all the families who went who made it such a memorable experience. The sporting highlight of the year was the success of our Year 2 football team. They won the Highfields schools league, only losing one game out of twelve. They also won the Year 2 central District football tournament, winning every match they played. Thank you as well for helping to make Fun day so successful. We hope parents enjoyed all of these events as much as the children and staff.

### Staffing

Unfortunately, we will be saying goodbye to two members of staff at the end of term. Miss Cook is leaving us to start a new job at a school in Sheffield and Mrs Bandy is leaving to start a new job at a school in County Durham. Both are very sad to be leaving us but need to move to be nearer their families. 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 two new teachers next year - Mr Stock in Year 6 and Mr Jackson in Year 3. Mr Marsh has also been appointed as our new Assistant Headteacher.

### 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 A Midsummer Night's Dream 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 September to begin their Sparkenhoe journey.

### Class names

Thank you all the parents who voted for their favourite class names. There was a really wide range of votes and no clear winner. After the views of children and staff were taken into account, the final choices have been made and can be seen on the reverse.

### Attainment

We are very pleased with our end of KS2 SATs results this year. 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:** 77% at expected (National average: 61%)

**Reading:** 85% at expected (National average: 71%)

**Writing Teacher assessment:** 84% at expected (National average: 76%)

**Maths:** 88% at expected (National average: 75%)

**Grammar, punctuation and spelling:** 92% at expected (National average: 77%)

| <b>2017-18 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<br>Mrs Khan                      Mrs Shaikh |
| F2 Foxes                                           | Miss Lad               | Mrs Hamid                                               |
| F2 Hedgehogs                                       | Miss Simpson           | Mrs Limbada                                             |
| <b>KS1 (Years 1 and 2)</b>                         |                        | <b>Leader: Mrs Christopher</b>                          |
| 1 Penguins                                         | Mrs Johal/Mrs Andrews  |                                                         |
| 1 Polar Bears                                      | Miss Clarke/Miss Yates |                                                         |
| 2 Sharks                                           | Mrs Christopher        |                                                         |
| 2 Starfish                                         | Mrs Choudary           |                                                         |
| <b>Lower KS2 (Year 3 and 4)</b>                    |                        | <b>Leader: Mrs Adam</b>                                 |
| 3 Orion                                            | Mrs Adam               |                                                         |
| 3 Andromeda                                        | Mr Jackson             |                                                         |
| 4 Kalahari                                         | Mr Currie              |                                                         |
| 4 Sahara                                           | Mr Hiley               |                                                         |
| <b>Upper KS2 (Year 5 and 6) (Gopsall Building)</b> |                        | <b>Leader: Mr Marsh</b>                                 |
| 5 Bosworth                                         | Mr Cooper              |                                                         |
| 5 Bradgate                                         | Miss Modha             |                                                         |
| 6 Othello                                          | Miss Boulter           |                                                         |
| 6 Hamlet                                           | Mr Marsh               |                                                         |
| 6 Macbeth                                          | Mr Stock               |                                                         |
| <u>PPA/Management Cover</u><br>Mrs Patel           |                        | <u>Headteacher</u><br>Miss Jones                        |
| <u>Music and Drama</u><br>Miss Goring              |                        | <u>Deputy Headteachers</u><br>Mr Cheetham<br>Mrs Cooper |
| <u>PE</u><br>Mr Story                              |                        |                                                         |
| <u>SENCO</u><br>Miss Burns                         |                        | <u>Assistant Headteacher</u><br>Mr Marsh                |

### Uniform

School will be open for the sale of school uniform on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> August from 10.30 am to 12.00 pm and Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> August from 1.00 pm to 3.00 pm.

### Term Dates 2016/17

School starts for children on **Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> August 2017**. 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**