



Staverton CE Primary School



Tuesday 19th July 2016

Dear Parents

As we rapidly approach the end of the year, I feel we must reflect on what has been a fantastic year at Staverton.

We are delighted with our statutory assessment results. Our EYFS (Reception) results and our Year 1 Phonics Check results, exceed national averages again this year:

	% of children reaching the Expected Standard		
	School Results 2016	National Results 2016	Northamptonshire Results 2016
EYFS: Good level of Development	80%	69.3%	68.1%
Year 1 Phonics	93%	77% (2015)	

Our children in Year 2 and Year 6 have been the first to sit the new assessments which reflect the new National Curriculum. As you will be aware from school information and press coverage, the new standards the children are expected to reach are significantly higher than the old ones (and therefore can not be directly compared to results from previous years). You will see from the results below that our children have performed extremely well both in terms of Northamptonshire and National results. Children who have not quite managed to reach these raised standards must also be commended. They have made super progress and their achievements must also be recognised.

	Year 2 % of children reaching the Expected Standard		
	School Results 2016	National Results 2016	Northamptonshire Results 2016
Reading	82.4%	74.1%	72.7%
Writing	76.5%	65.5%	63.6%
Maths	82.4%	72.7%	70.2%
Reading, Writing and Maths combined	76.5%	Unknown to date	Unknown to date

1 child = 5.8%

	Year 6 % of children reaching the Expected Standard		
	School Results 2016	National Results 2016	Northamptonshire Results 2016
Reading	87%	66%	62%
Writing	87%	74%	72%
Maths	87%	70%	66%
Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar	87%	72%	Unknown to date
Reading, Writing and Maths combined	73%	53%	49%

1 child = 6.7%





Our academy trust, PDET, has also praised the school's performance and has stated that the school is going from strength to strength.

However, whilst very important, we all recognise that there is more to primary education than statutory test results in English and Maths. Here at Staverton we aim to develop the children's love of learning and understanding of their role as responsible individuals who are global citizens.

This year, therefore, I have been immensely proud of:

- Our school ethos which, I believe, has a true family feel. Our school values, launched last year, have now become embedded. Daily we see 'Big Friends' unprompted, supporting their 'Little Friends'. Our Year 6 Lead Ambassadors have committed totally to their new role presenting to governors, organising charity fundraising and providing role models for the younger children, ably supported by our School Council. Our Year 5/6 Sports Crew have given freely of their time to organise sporting activities for the younger children at lunchtimes. Our 3 Church services and Remembrance Services have been well received and our Celebration Assemblies well attended.
- Our sporting achievements in interschool competitions. We have entered 10 competitions throughout the year and have represented Daventry and South Northants twice; our PE / Sport provision continues to flourish.
- Our Music provision; all children in Year 1 – 4 have learnt to play a musical instrument with our Music Coach. Both our Class 1 and 2 Christmas Concert and our Class 3 and 4 End of Year concert were triumphs.
- The way in which we try to bring learning to life. Overall, across the school the children have experienced 20 trips / visitors, including a Residential Trip and a Camping Sleepover; our final trip this year is taking place on the penultimate day of the year!

All of the above, of course, does not happen by accident. I must therefore mention the dedication and drive of our team of staff. Every member of staff 'goes that extra mile' to ensure each and every child at our school has the best learning experiences possible. They have worked tirelessly; continually striving to further their practice for the good of the children. I am indebted to them; we are extremely lucky to have them.

Once again this year our governors have given their time to offer the necessary challenge and support. A governance review carried out by an Ofsted inspector in March praised highly our governing body; it is a privilege to work with them.

I must always finish our academic year by reminding ourselves just how special our children are. They continue to reach and exceed our expectations, taking on new challenges unquestioningly. They have displayed courage, resilience and responsibility; overall they have excelled.

And finally, a huge thank you must go to you, the parents; the school relies on your support and you never fail to deliver. It is a pleasure working in partnership with you.

I wish you all a very relaxing, healthy Summer and look forward to seeing the children refreshed and ready for learning on Monday 5th September.

Yours sincerely

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