



CHORLEYWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have survived the wettest summer term that I can recall, followed by a heatwave! I hope the sun stays for the holidays (we can hope!). I could not be prouder of the pupils at Chorleywood Primary School for everything they have achieved this year.

Pupil Achievement this year

For the last 6 years our pupil attainment and pupil progress has gone from strength to strength, at the end of KS2 our results continue to be significantly higher than the national and Herts data, which is something we should be extremely proud of.

This is a direct result of the continued hard work of the pupils, staff team and the effective leadership of the Senior Leadership Team and governors. Below is a summary of the 2016 KS2 and KS1 SATs results.

At Key Stage 2, test results and teacher assessments are reported. For the first time in 2016 the test results will be reported using scaled scores, which range from 80-120, where 100 is defined as the "expected standard". It is important to recognise that the standards in place this year are much higher than those in previous years.



Previously at Key Stage 2, the “expected standard” was Level 4. Many children who in the past would have achieved Level 4 have not attained the new expected standard because it is more challenging. This can be seen in the national data – for example, in reading, last year 89% achieved Level 4 or better in tests. This year, 66% have achieved a scaled score of 100 or above. As you can see below, we did exceptionally well.

	% Working at the expected standard in the KS2 SATs		
	Chorleywood	Herts	National
Reading Scaled score	96.6%	71.7%	66%
	109.1	103.9	103
Writing	89.7%	79%	74%
	n/a		
Maths Scaled score	100%	72.5%	70%
	110	103.6	103
Grammar, spelling and punctuation Scaled score	96.6%	72%	76.3%
	110	104.9	104
RWM combined	86.2%	58.7%	53%

At Key Stage 1, a teacher assessment only is reported. Teachers have used tests in addition to their own knowledge of the children based on everyday class work to make these assessments. It is important to recognise that the standards in place this year are much higher than those in previous years.

Previously, at Key Stage 1, the “expected standard” was Level 2. Many children who in the past would have achieved Level 2 have not attained the new expected standard because it is more challenging. This can be seen in the Hertfordshire data (national data is not yet available) – for example, in reading, last year 92% of pupils achieved Level 2 or better. This year, 79% have achieved the expected standard or above.

	% Working at the expected standard in the KS1 SATs		
	Chorleywood	Herts	National
Reading	80%	79%	TBC

Writing	76.7%	71%	TBC
Maths	80%	77%	TBC

In Y1 the children take the Phonics Screening Check. This year 97% (Herts 82.5%) of pupils obtained the expected standard. This is the highest percentage we have had and is a direct result of our highly effective phonics teaching.



In addition to the excellent academic achievements of the Y6 pupils, it is important to say that these assessments far from define this class. It has been a pleasure to watch this class mature and evolve. They are leaving us having become resilient, ambitious, kind and engaged learners. These essential life skills will be invaluable as they begin their secondary school careers. The staff and I are incredibly proud of everything that they have achieved at Chorleywood Primary School.

The Year 6 production of "Alice the Musical" was absolutely amazing. The costumes, make up, singing and performances were outstanding.

I would also like to say goodbye to the parents who will be leaving Chorleywood Primary School with their children. Many thanks for all the support you have given the school over the years. You should all be very proud of your children!

"I can honestly state that this school is the foundation of my learning and has thoroughly prepared me for secondary school" Tara

"I would rate this school 10/10" Rishi

"The teachers are supportive, caring and encouraging" James

"I have enjoyed my time here immensely" Charlotte

"Chorleywood Primary is the best!" Tom

"I will miss this school so much" Sam

"It is the best school ever!" Sanjai

"Personally my experience here has been outstanding, I've had so much fun and made so many friends. This is an amazing school" Josh A
"The best part of the school are the teachers, they are the people who keep this school together" Lenique

Sports Day

What a nightmare we have had with the weather interfering with our arrangements this year! We finally managed to complete the events this week. I would like to express my gratitude to Mrs Wright for her hard work organising Sports Day. Well done to all the pupils for their participation. Well done to Rowling for winning overall. Marybeth, House Captain:

"As I dashed off the race track, out of breath, I sat down ready to hear the results...my heart started beating faster. WE HAD WON! I still can't process that Rowling had won the Chorleywood Primary Sports Day 2016"



Activities Week

So many of the children, staff and helpers have commented on how much fun the children had during this problem solving themed week. It was a fantastic opportunity for the children. I would like to say a massive thank you to Mrs Wright who undertook this huge organizational task and ensured it ran smoothly. Thank you so much to all the parents who kindly donated their time.

Musical Arts Afternoon

What a wonderful showcase of the creative talents of our pupils. I am so proud of the musicians, dancers and singers who performed on Friday afternoon. The children are so lucky that they have such fantastic opportunities to develop their skills and talents. Well done to you all!



PTA

On behalf of the staff and pupils I would like to thank the PTA for their outstanding efforts again this year. Chrissie Booth and Tania Ridgeway have done a fantastic job as joint Chairs. So many events have been run this term; the Summer Fair, fun run, camping and the marathon. This brings the PTA fundraising to £23,000 for the year. Thank you so much to all the committee for their organisation and to you for supporting the events. Over the summer holidays the outside gym and play equipment will be installed.



The AGM will be held at 7.30pm on Monday 12th of September so please come and support your school either on the committee or as an observer.

Changes in Staff

Unfortunately, we have only just found out that Miss Bliss will be leaving us this year. I would like to thank her for everything she has done for the school. We are delighted to have two new members of the team joining us next term. Mrs Flude will be supporting in Y5, and Mrs English will be joining the Early Years team.

Governance

Please take the time to read Mrs Tyson's newsletter on behalf of the governors. The governors have excelled this year and work so hard to facilitate school improvement. They give a huge amount of their own time in this voluntary position. I would like to thank all members for their ongoing support and hard work.



2016-2017 Head Boy and Girl

Following a rigorous application process we have appointed a new Head Boy and Head Girl, it was an incredibly difficult decision as there were so many suitable candidates. After much deliberation we have appointed Cory and Georgia. This year I have also introduced deputy Head Boy and Girl; Lottie and Nick will be undertaking this role. I know they will all do an excellent job.

Equipment for KS2

We request that all the pupils in KS2 come to school in September with a pencil case containing the following:

- 2 pencils
- Rubber
- Coloured pencils
- A glue stick
- A white board pen

All equipment must be clearly named.

Thank you to everyone for your support. I will look forward to seeing you all on 5th September.

Have a happy, safe and sunny holiday.

Mrs. Roberts
Head Teacher