



CHORLEYWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am so proud of the pupils at Chorleywood Primary School and everything they have achieved this year. I constantly receive compliments about their excellent manners and how polite they are.

Pupil Achievement this year

For the last 5 years our pupil attainment and pupil progress, at the end of KS2 has continued to rise. We have obtained our **highest ever** pupil attainment and our **highest ever** pupil progress data. These results are significantly higher than the national and Herts data, which is something we are 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 KS2 and KS1 SATs 2014 results. Please note the percentages obtaining Level 5+.

KS2 SATs	L4+	L5+	L6
Reading	100%	100%	0%
Writing	100%	44%	10%
Maths	100%	81%	21%
Spelling, Grammar & Punctuation	100%	97%	22%

KS2 - Level 4 is age expected / Level 5 is above age expected / Level 6 is significantly above age expected

KS1 SATs	2c+	3+
Reading	97%	47%
Writing	97%	40%
Maths	97%	43%

KS1 - Level 2 is age expected / Level 3 is above age expected



Goodbye Year 6



The Year 6 production of Splash was highly entertaining. In addition to the phenomenal academic achievements of the Y6 pupils, it is important to say that these assessments do not reflect the amazing talents they have relating to sports, musical aptitude and neither does it indicate their drive, diligence and personal qualities like being kind, thoughtful, engaging and delightful young people. The staff and I are incredibly proud of everything that they have achieved at Chorleywood Primary School. Today we planted a tree kindly donated by the parents that will be a lasting memory of their time at Chorleywood.

I would also like to say goodbye to the parents who will be leaving us 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!

Some of the children in Y6 have reflected ON their time at Chorleywood Primary School and what the best thing about the school is:

" Everyone is friendly from when you walk through the gates on a Monday morning until you leave on a Friday afternoon" Oliver

"The support and encouragement the staff give you" Jemima

"The wonderful learning environment" Juliette

"The teachers make the learning fun and interactive" Gauri

"SATs Week and PGL" Eve

"One word.....amazing!" Max

Sports Day (Eventually!)

I would like to express my gratitude to Mr Rasheed for his hard work organising Sports Day. Lots of fun was had by all. Well done to all the pupils for their participation. Well done to Dahl for winning overall.

Activities Week

So many of the children, staff and helpers have commented on how much fun the children had during this Centenary themed week. It is a fantastic opportunity for the children. I would like to say a massive thank you to Miss Dawson 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 Wednesday afternoon. The children are so lucky that they have such fantastic opportunities to develop their skills and talents. Well done to you all!

Attendance

I am delighted to say that we met our target of 97% for the whole school attendance. Many thanks for your support in achieving this fantastic figure. This is a direct result of all the initiatives we have introduced this year. As you know there is a direct correlation with pupil achievement and attendance.



A small minority of parents contacted the school to explain that they felt the attendance trip was not fair. These concerns were discussed at a Full Governing Body Meeting and the governors decided that the pupils should make the decision whether we have a trip to reward good attendance or not. I had discussions with the School Council and I undertook a vote in every class so every pupil had their say, 187 of the 210 pupils expressed that they did think the attendance reward trip was a good idea. In September the new School Council with liaison with classes to decide what form this reward will take.

Centenary Party

We have received so many cards, emails and letters from visitors who attended our celebrations. Commenting on how wonderful the children were and how they enjoyed the tours of the school and watching the children review the last 100 years.



I thought the performances were outstanding and very well-rehearsed. Many thanks again to everyone who made the celebrations such a huge success. I am sorry that due to time constraints and the actual size of the time capsule I ordered we are going to need a digger to dig the hole. Oops! We will be delaying the burial until September.

PTA

On behalf of the staff and pupils I would like to thank the PTA for their AMAZING efforts again this year. Elaine Ridout has done a fantastic job as Chair. I have heard such amazing comments about the Summer Fair, where we raised an enormous £5,000, despite the weather. This brings the PTA fundraising to £21,000 for the year. Thank you Elaine and the committee for your hard work and commitment.



Over the last few years the PTA have paid for The Science Investigation Base - (this has already been used for numerous small group interventions and science investigations) ,picnic

tables, playground markings, some of the work in the outside learning environment that Claire Davies has developed, 3 netbook trollies and netbooks, the Creative Arts Studio development - ensuring the children have cooking facilities, an art room and that all pupils can eat together at lunchtime. In addition they have subsidised the Panto Trip, Christmas parties and redeveloped the library. These are just a few of the examples of what the fundraising has been used for.

The money raised by the Three Peaks Challenge will be used to purchase a laptop trolley and a set of laptops. This will help considerably towards resourcing the new computing curriculum.

As many of you know Elaine Ridout is stepping down this year. This means at our AGM on Monday 8th of September we need a new Chair, Vice- Chair and several other posts. Please come and support your school either on the committee or as an observer. If we fail to find replacements we will not have the funding available for any projects next academic year. Our plan is to purchase some additional wooden outside playground equipment.

Changes in Staff

Unfortunately there are a few members of staff who are moving on to pastures new at the end of the year. I would like to thank Miss McAteer, Mrs Daurge, Miss Goodman, Mrs Benoy, Mrs Battle and Mr Smalldone for their significant contributions to the school.



As you may be aware Mrs Hall has joined our office team this month and Miss Bliss will be joining us as our new Sports Apprentice, she undertook her first year of her apprenticeship at Rickmansworth School.

Governance



Please take the opportunity to read Mrs Avis' Newsletter on behalf of the governors. This will be her last Newsletter as Chair of Governors and I know you will join me in thanking her for her dedication and commitment to the school over the years. She has been fantastic and the school would not be as successful as it is today without her support and dedication.

2014-2015 Head Boy and Girl

Following a rigorous application process we have appointed a new Head Boy and Head Girl, it was a very very difficult decision as there were so many suitable candidates. After much deliberation we have appointed Anoushka Vallabh and Wian Van Der Merwe. I am totally confident they will do an excellent job.

Summer Work in the school

Year 2, Reception and Nursery classrooms will be refurbished and the communal area carpet will be replaced.



New sports kit

Many many thanks to Mr. West for his sponsorship of our beautiful new sports kits. Winning teams need winning kits! Thanks to some of our sporting starts for modelling them.



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 3rd September.

Have a happy, safe and sunny holiday.

Mrs. Roberts
Head Teacher