

Dear families,

As we approach the end of another year here at Newton Road School, there are a number of things to celebrate as well as some goodbyes to say!

This year we celebrated a record high, for the school, of Year 1 children passing their phonics screening check. Our EYFS attainment was in line with the National expectations. Our KS1 SATs results also show that accelerated progress is being made term on term.

Whilst the Key Stage 2 attainment outcomes, were not quite where we hoped, our results show that, during a difficult period in education, where the national average has dropped by ten percent, we have managed to address the gaps and remain on an upwards trend in relation to our previous results and the children have made strong progress from Key Stage One to Key Stage Two.

The first of our goodbyes must go to our Year 6 children. Whether they have joined us more recently, or been with us throughout their school career, we are so incredibly proud of the progress they have made, both academically and as human beings! Regardless of where you go to secondary school, remember to dream and believe and you will achieve!

In addition to our Year 6's, we say goodbye to a number of members of staff this year who are moving on to pastures new:

- Mr Butler
- Miss Webber
- Miss Flavin
- Ms. Oughton
- Miss Bridgewater
- Miss Ware
- Mrs Bates

We thank them all for their dedicated service throughout their time at Newton Road and I am sure you will join us in saying good luck and all the very best in the future. They have shown their passion for making a difference to the children at Newton Road and always with our PRIDE values on display. We will miss them all.

We must also say a thank you and well done to Mr Bosworth, who has completed his secondment as the Head of School. Matt Coleman, Director of School improvement writes:

*I am sure you will join me in thanking Mr Bosworth for his excellent work in stepping up to the role of Head of School over the past few months, whilst Miss Mills has supported Windmill Primary School in an Executive Principal role. Mr Bosworth's desire to do all that he can for the children at Newton Road School is one of the many things that makes him a fantastic leader. Thank you, Mr B! From September, your already excellent leadership team will be further strengthened with the full-time return of Miss Mills. I reckon next year will be another good one for Newton Road!*

Personally, we both wanted to thank you all for your support this year. We have continued to build those solid foundations for our children to grow and flourish. We are so excited about September and taking the next steps in the school's journey.

The staff, children and the parent community make Newton Road such a special place to be and to learn. Thank you to all of you for everything you do, each and every day, to make sure our children 'Dream, Believe and Achieve.'

We cannot wait for September already.

Have a fantastic, restful summer and we will see you all on the 5th September.

Yours sincerely,

Kerry Mills  
Executive Principal

Rich Bosworth  
Head of School