

## Outcomes in 2017

We are very pleased to inform you that the school has performed exceptionally well in the 2017 Key Stage Two end of year assessments. At Sunny Bank 87% of our children met the expected standard in Reading, Writing and Maths.

97% of our children met the expected standard in Reading, 87% of our children met the expected standard in Writing, 93% of our children met the expected standard in Maths, 97% of our children met the expected standard in GPS and 90% of our children met the expected standard in Science. This places Sunny Bank as the third best performing primary school in Bury Local Authority.

We are very proud of all the hard work that last year's Year Six children put in alongside the dedication and hard work from all the staff in school. These outcomes reflect the quality of education on offer at Sunny Bank Primary School.

In July two assessors came to Sunny Bank Primary School to evaluate what we do in literacy and numeracy that would support our application for the basic skills Quality Mark.

The basic skills Quality Mark is an award that celebrates and supports continuous improvement in literacy and numeracy.

It is awarded to a setting or school to recognise their provision, practice and performance in literacy and numeracy, and is valid for three years. A school or setting must demonstrate a whole school approach to improving standards in literacy and numeracy, with evidence of the impact of its approaches. It should provide a framework for self-evaluation and continuous improvement of the basic skills of all pupils in a school, including those who underachieve and those who underattain. To achieve the mark evidence is gathered and compared in ten essential criteria. At the end of the assessment we were delighted to be informed we had been awarded the mark. The assessors were very impressed with the eloquence of our children and how they talked about their learning and their work. They were impressed with the creative curriculum we have at Sunny Bank.

We are very proud of our children and all their efforts in school. Your commitment as parents and carers must also be acknowledged and praised as must all the hard work of all the staff in school for all they do for our children. Please look at our website to read the report in full.

## Online Homework Meeting

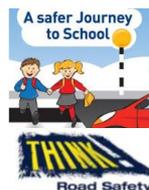
Thank you to everyone that came to the Maths and English Homework Meeting. We appreciate your support for your child's learning. Please could we ask you to fill in a feedback form to give your views on the meeting. Forms can be collected from the school office.

## Health & Safety Notice

The safety of our children is of utmost importance at Sunny Bank. For this reason, please can I ask all parents/carers not to walk across the school car park at any time, including when dropping off and collecting children from the main school entrance and when visiting the school office. Instead we ask that you please use the path at all times. Thank you for your cooperation in making our school as safe as possible.

## Sunny Bank Says 'One Way is the Safe Way'

Please could we ask all parents/carers and visitors to adhere to our voluntary one-way system at drop off and pick up times. In coming weeks our School Council will be on patrol to monitor cars near school at the beginning and end of the day.



## Harvest Assembly

Parents/Carers are invited to join us for our Harvest Assembly on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October at 9am. We will be collecting donations of food/toiletries for charity as usual. More information will follow shortly regarding this.



## Y6 Class Assembly

We would like to thank the Y6 parents/carers who were able to attend the Y6 assembly and spend time in the Y6 classroom. We hope you enjoyed the morning and welcome any feedback.

## Macmillan Thanks

Thank you to everyone involved in the recent Macmillan Coffee Morning/Afternoon. We raised a **fantastic £466**. Well done to everyone that volunteered, donated and came along.

## Healthy Schools Reminder

Please can we remind parents/carers that as a Healthy School, chocolate bars are not allowed in lunch boxes. We would also encourage you to ask your child to put uneaten items back into their lunch box so you can see which items they are not eating.

Please be mindful that Sunny Bank is also a nut free school. We have children with serious nut allergies in our school and so **no nuts or nut products including Nutella** are allowed in school at any time. Thank you for your support.

## Football Success

Our football team were successful in their first match of the season. The team won 7-4 against Chantlers Primary School. Well done all.



## Fright Night

The PA's annual Fright Night will take place on the evening of Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November. More information will be sent home in due course.



### Bag 2 School

We will be **Bag2School** collection after the half term holidays. If you are planning on having a clear-out over half term, please feel free to donate any good quality, used clothes, shoes, bags and soft toys to school before Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November. Money raised goes to buying items that benefit all the children in school.

### Help Sunny Bank Win at Tesco

If you're shopping at Tesco, please can you help us by collecting a charity token at the checkouts and posting it in the Sunny Bank Wide Horizons Project at the door.



Our project aims to raise funds for an outdoor classroom that would benefit all the children in school.

### Pebbles Project

We would be grateful if you could send in a pebble for a creative project that will soon be taking place in school. Please send in with your child as soon as possible.

### Do you have a child due to start Reception Class in September 2018?

We will be holding an Open Day on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2017 for children due to start Reception in September 2018 and their parents/carers. There are 2 sessions: 11am-12pm and 1.45-2.45pm. Please come along to tour the school and spend time in Reception class with your child.

### Shop for Schools returns

You can help Sunny Bank Primary whilst you shop at the Millgate Shopping Centre in Bury. From 1st October - 31st December, for every £1 spent in the shopping centre our school could earn one point.

The more points we receive the more chance our school has of winning. All the points collected for participating schools will be added up and the school with the most points per pupil will win £750. To redeem points for schools, shoppers are asked to simply visit Customer Services on Minden Parade and show us their receipts for any items they have purchased in Mill Gate Shopping Centre.

### Update on Vision Multi Academy Trust

**Values for our Trust** All children will be **challenged, happy, proud and successful** learners.

**Board Meeting** The Members and Trustees of Vision Multi Academy Trust had their first board meeting of the new school year last week. Two new members were welcomed to the Board, Ralph Kelly who has a background in IT and Barry Minnery who has a background in Accounting and Finance.

The meeting was preceded by a tour of Sunny Bank Primary School which gave the Members and Trustees to look at the learning environment of the school. They were all impressed with the quality of displays to support learning throughout the school. The Members and Trustees established two sub-committee meetings which will look at the following:

- Standards and Human Resources
- Finance, Audit, Resources and Risk.

The committees will be meeting prior to the next full Trustee meeting which will take place later this term.

**Appointment of Business Development Manager** Congratulations to Donna Cartwright who has been seconded for a year into the post of Business Development Manager for the Trust on a part time basis. She will continue to be based at Higher Lane and will be working 2.5 days for the Trust and 2.5 days for Higher Lane School.

### Diary Dates

Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> October 3.45pm	Football match v Unsworth Primary School – away match
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> October 9am	Celebration Assembly
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> October 3.45pm	Football match v East Ward Primary School – home match
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> October	Y1 visit to Blackpool Zoo
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> October 9am	Harvest Assembly
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	Finish for half term at 3.15pm
Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> October	School re-opens
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November	11am-12pm and 1.45-2.45pm New 2018 Intake Open Day
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November	6-7.30pm Fright Night