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Summer Term Newsletter

Dear Parents,

As we are nearing the end of term, I thought I would share some of the children's achievements and events that have taken place since the last newsletter.

KS2 SATS RESULTS 2018

- This year, the percentage of pupils achieving Age Related Expectations (ARE) at the end of KS2 in our school compares extremely favourably to schools locally and nationally and should place Scotts at the top of the league tables once again.

Percentage of pupils who achieved at the expected standard:

- 100% (75% national average) of pupils achieved ARE in reading.
- 97% (75% national average) of pupils achieved ARE in maths.
- 97% (78% national average) of pupils achieved ARE in writing.
- 100% (77% national average) of pupils achieved ARE in spelling, punctuation and grammar.
- Our pupils' combined achievement in reading, writing and maths is 97% (64% national average).

Please note that achievement in ARE is a scaled score of 100 or more in the tests.

Percentage of pupils who achieved above the expected standard:

- 73% (28% national average) of pupils achieved the higher standard in reading.
- 77% (23% national average) of pupils achieved the higher standard in maths.
- 47% (20% national average) of pupils achieved the higher standard in writing.
- 83% (31% national average) of pupils achieved the higher standard in spelling, punctuation and grammar.
- The number of Year 6 pupils at Scotts achieving the higher standard/greater depth in reading, writing and maths is 43% (10% national average).

KS1 SATS RESULTS 2018

- End of KS1 assessments have been completed and these are also above national averages:

Percentage of pupils who achieved at the expected standard:

- 89% (76% national average) of pupils achieved ARE in reading.
- 90% (76% national average) of pupils achieved ARE in maths.
- 89% (70% national average) of pupils achieved ARE in writing.
- Our pupils' combined achievement at ARE in reading, writing and maths is 84% (63% national average).

Percentage of pupils who achieved above the expected standard:

- 38% (26% national average) of pupils achieved the higher standard in reading.
- 26% (22% national average) of pupils achieved the higher standard in maths.
- 21% (16% national average) of pupils achieved the higher standard in writing.
- The number of Year 2 pupils at Scotts achieving the higher standard/greater depth in reading, writing and maths is 15% (11% national average).

The Key stage 1 team received a moderation visit to ensure that assessments were accurate. This was undertaken by the Local Authority who were very impressed with the standard of the children's work in books and the quality of teacher assessments.

YEAR 1 - PHONIC SCREENING 2018

- 92% of our Y1 pupils achieved the phonic screening check this year (83% national average) with the majority scoring at the highest level.

EYFS - GOOD LEVEL OF DEVELOPMENT 2018

- 83% of our reception children achieved a Good Level of Development this year (72% national average) and they have been assessed as scoring highly across all areas of their learning.

PUPIL PROGRESS AND ATTAINMENT IN ALL YEAR GROUPS 2017

- The senior leadership team have now collected end of year assessments of all other year groups and I am pleased to say that pupil progress and achievement continues to remain high across the school in reading, writing and maths and consistent with end of KS1 and 2 results. A detailed analysis of pupil progress and achievement is undertaken by leaders to ensure that all children make similar rates of progress and that any differences between groups are narrowed as the children move up through the school. This supports our constant drive to maintain high standards and ensure that all our children reach their full potential.

We are extremely proud of all our children - they have worked incredibly hard this year in all areas of the curriculum. Well done, Scotts pupils!

THE WIDER CURRICULUM

Scotts isn't just about academic achievement. We like to think that we deliver a first class education in other areas of the curriculum to ensure that children develop into creative, responsible and independent citizens of the future. Some of the activities (and achievements) that the children have participated in over the past couple of months include:

- The school held its termly 'Good to be Different Day' on Tuesday and invited Paul Burgess, who currently holds the current record for being Britain's tallest man and basketball player to come into school to meet and inspire the children and teach them basketball skills. Everyone had an amazing day and clear messages were given to the children about the importance of healthy lifestyles, developing talents, and celebrating differences and uniqueness.
- The Year 6 pupils had a fantastic time at the Isle of Wight this term. They took part in a whole range of activities and I know that the children really did challenge themselves during the week to overcome their fears and try new things. Thank you to Miss Perry, Miss Stagg and Mrs Jones who supervised the children on the trip and who also had a wonderful time.
- The reception and year 1 class assemblies were brilliant - particularly the songs! So well done to our very youngest children for being so confident.
- Four Year 6 pupils took part in the Hall Mead borough maths quiz. They competed well against other schools, so well done to our Scotts mathematicians: Harrison Godfrey, Reily Williams, Harry Hitchcock and Finlay Course.
- The Scotts Choir participated in the borough music festival at the Queens theatre a couple of weeks ago. They performed brilliantly and I think they enjoyed it immensely! Well done to Miss Perry and Mrs Jones for organising this and for rehearsing with the children.
- This term, there has been a week dedicated to science and another dedicated to multiculturalism for the children to enjoy. During the science week, much of the children's learning was done outside and the children undertook planned investigations and developed their skills in scientific enquiry. During multi-cultural week, each class adopted a country and learnt as much as they could about the culture of that country. Some of the activities during the week included: visiting a French café; cooking or sampling food; art work and learning a traditional dance and song. Several parents came into school to share their cultural traditions and the children very much enjoyed these visits. It has been wonderful seeing the children share their learning from these experiences with others during Friday assemblies.
- A big well done should go to the Year 5 Play Leaders who help out with younger pupils at lunchtimes. Again, these children ensure that the infants get the support that they need to ensure they get as much fun out of play times as they can. Well done Year 5 for giving up your own playtimes to help out! You are proving to be great role models for the rest of the children and I am sure that you will be very responsible Year 6s next year!

- Well done to Jayden Wilkinson and Megan Patel who both won a bike in the borough school dinner competition. They were presented with their bikes at the Town Hall yesterday and both children looked smart in their school uniforms (well done, Jayden for wearing your new tie!).
- Thank you to parents for attending parents evening. I do hope that you all managed to collect your child's school tie. We are looking forward to seeing the children in their new uniforms in September!

SPORTS

- This term, there have been several sports competitions that pupils have participated in. Please remember to keep looking at <http://www.scotts.havering.sch.uk/statutory-information/sports> for results of sporting competitions that have taken place.
- A big well done should go to the Year 5 and 6 members of the Sports Crew who organised and ran an infant activity sports day. The children took part in mini activities and I know that they had lots of fun. The members of the Sports Crew have also been running a fitness club (Change for Life). Without these keen sports enthusiasts this club would not be able to run. Well done to the infants that have attended too - there has been lots of great feedback. Please see: <http://www.scotts.havering.sch.uk/children/scotts-sports-crew> for members.
- The sports day ran smoothly and was enjoyed by all. Thank you to Mrs White for organising this and a big thank you to the Sanders students who supported us during the afternoon. I know that Mrs White has posted photos and the results on the website for parents to view: <http://www.scotts.havering.sch.uk/statutory-information/sports>.
- We are delighted to announce that Scotts has achieved the School Games Gold Mark Award for the 2017/18 academic year. The School Games Mark is a Government led award scheme launched in 2012, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community, and we are delighted to have been recognised for our success. This is the second year running that the school has achieved this award and so we are extremely proud of our pupils for their dedication to all aspects of school sport. As part of our application, we were asked to fulfil criteria in the areas of participation, competition, workforce and clubs, and we are pleased that the hard work of everyone at our school has been rewarded this year.

BARCLAYS BANK - VOLUNTEERS

- Mr Martin has again organised a team of volunteers from Barclays Bank to undertake outdoor work in school last week. They erected fences, painted fences, dug allotment plots and established a reading area, using tyres, for the junior children. Thank you to these volunteers who worked tirelessly in very hot conditions. Thank you, Mr Martin for arranging this!

FOSA

- The inflatable evening and summer fayre were a huge success so a big thank you to Amy Quarrell and Alison Rogers and the rest of the FOSA team for organising such fabulous events. Everyone worked extremely hard on the day of the summer fayre (getting up extra early due to the change in time) and it went very smoothly - helped along by the glorious sunshine! We have not received exactly how much was raised but I am sure that FOSA will let you know as soon as this is available. Thank you to all the parent and teachers who also helped out on the day - this really did ensure that this year's fayre was a success.
- FOSA also organised the infant entertainer and junior disco last week so thank you to those members and parents who helped out at these events to ensure that things ran smoothly.

END OF THE YEAR

- Year 6 will be performing their end of year 'Leavers' Play' this evening to their parents. I am sure it will be a memorable (and for some, emotional) performance!
- Tomorrow, our last day, will be taken up with a Celebration Assembly, and ensuring the children are ready for the summer holidays!

I would like to say a very fond farewell to our Year 6 children who very shortly will be embarking on the next stage of their educational journey. They have been brilliant this year as prefects and generally as representatives of the school at various events and I know that they will do very well in their new schools. They have made me very proud as their Head Teacher and I very much look forward to hearing all about their future successes and achievements.

Finally, I hope you agree that it has been another super year and I would like to say thank you for your continued support of the school - this really does make a difference. If I do not get to speak with you before we break up I hope you all have a lovely holiday and I look forward to seeing the children in the new academic year.

Please note that the children return to school on Wednesday 5th September 2018.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs J Taylor
Head Teacher

