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National Assessments at the end of Key Stage 2

Dear Parents,

On Tuesday of this week schools were given the results that the children achieved in the Year 6 end of Key Stage 2 SATs tests taken in May. We have given our children their individual results today.

Across the entire country the proportion of children reaching the "expected standard" in all of Reading, Writing and Maths has dropped from 80% last year, to just 53% this week. Many schools have seen what appears to be a total collapse in standards. All over England there are schools and teachers in complete shock at what has happened.

This year the Key Stage 2 tests have been made harder; the pass marks have been raised; and they are no longer testing the same things that they were last year. The Secretary of State for Education, Mrs Morgan, made a statement on Monday in which she said that this year's results cannot be compared with any previous results. On Tuesday she said that the drop from 80% to 53% in children achieving the "expected standard" shows that the Government is raising standards.

Every year the Government sets a minimum standard for schools. This time last year we were told that in 2016 any school in which 65% of the 11 year olds did not achieve the "expected standard" in Reading, Writing and Maths would be deemed to be a failing school. Following publication of the results this Tuesday the Department for Education told us that it would set the minimum acceptable standard for this year retrospectively next December.

It is clear to me that neither Mrs Morgan nor the Department for Education had foreseen what would happen with this year's results, and the really sad thing is that this fiasco will take the shine off the really hard work put in by pupils and teachers this year.

I am immensely proud of our team in Year 6. I am immensely proud of our pupils, and every one of them today can be proud of themselves and of what they have achieved. In any other year our pupils' achievements would have been the highest they have ever been. This has been stolen from them, but nothing should be allowed to rob them of their pride in their achievements. There are no failures among our Year 6 children. They have all done really well.

John Cosgrove

School finishes on Tuesday 26th. July at 1.30 p.m.

Next term starts on Wednesday 7th. September.
(Monday and Tuesday 5th and 6th September are staff training days)

Non uniform Days

Friday 15th. July
In aid of Heart research

Friday 22nd.. July
In aid of the air ambulance
Children are invited to bring a contribution to these good

Work Marks				Conduct Marks			
Air	Earth	Fire	Water	Air	Earth	Fire	Water
205	136	134	119	138	133	128	130



We started our week in Polish and finished in Chinese

Dzien Dobry

Ni hao



Congratulations to...

Billy Brophy and Natty Boakye who were part of the Eldon Celtic tournament winning Under-11 team last weekend, and were also runners up in the Under 12 competition;

Ethan Digweed who took part in the same tournament playing for Eldon Celtic and was part of the Under 7s winning team;

Caoimhe Rose who enjoyed yet more success in Irish dancing, bringing home two fantastic trophies from her latest *feis*;

Conor McNiffe who has won another medal for success in kickboxing;

Kenzo Gonzalez-Odjidja who has gained the certificate of Honour for an Advanced Student from Kumon Maths;

Riannah Hoyos-Yarde who has won a medal for her fabulous ballet dancing;

Mia Dunne who has passed her ASA Stage 7 swimming;

Alana Smith whose brilliant art work was featured in a recent exhibition for "Artspiration": Alana's exhibition pictures will be on display in our reception corridor for the next week.



Well done to all the children, and thank you to parents for attending. There are more pictures on our website.

Thank you Morrisons

Morrisons donated the ice lollies enjoyed by all our children after their Sports Days this week. Our huge thanks to them.

Pupil Discos This evening, 8th. July

Nursery, Reception, Years 1 and 2
4—5.00 p.m.

*Please would parents stay with
their children for the infant disco*

Juniors 5.30—7 p.m.

£2 entry, payable at the door
(in aid of PTA funds)

Adult help would be gratefully received

Leavers' Mass

Monday 25th. July 10.00 a.m. in the Church of Christ the King. Parents, parishioners and friends are warmly invited to join us for this joyful occasion.



Reception Sports

(Mrs Clifford, Miss Hollows)

Wednesday 13th. July 1.45 p.m.

(Next day if wet)

Please Remember : No nuts in school

We have several children who are allergic to nuts.

Church of Christ the King,
Fundraising Concert for the Blind Association
Saturday July 16th.

8—11.30 p.m.

Tickets £4 or £10 per family.