



JULY NEWSLETTER

The end of the year is almost here. When I look back, we have achieved so much this year, but it would take from now to the end of term to put it all in writing! Thank you all for supporting our school so well.

Our headline results, which were shared with governors last week after being reported to Northumberland County Council and the DfE, are as follows:

Percentage of children achieving a Good Level of Development (GLD) at the end of Reception in 2017 is 76.5%. This is an excellent achievement for the Early Years and shows a year on year increase in attainment. (National standard in 2016 was 69.3%)

Percentage of children achieving the expected standard in Phonics in Year 1 is 95%.
(National standard in 2016 was 81%)

Percentage of children achieving at least the expected standard in Reading at the end of Year 2 in 2017 is 79.2% (National standard in 2016 was 74%)

Percentage of children achieving at least the expected standard in Writing at the end of Year 2 in 2017 is 87.5%. (National standard in 2016 was 65%)

Percentage of children achieving at least the expected standard in Maths at the end of Year 2 in 2017 is 79.2%. (National standard in 2016 was 73%)

I am sure that you will agree with me that these are a wonderful set of results, and we are very proud of the children's achievements!



OPEN CLASSROOMS: After our Leavers Celebration at the Jubilee Hall on Monday afternoon, children will be dismissed from school. Please take the time to come in to school then for our Open Classrooms event from 3.15pm – 4pm and see your child's work, have a quick catch up with their teacher and take a look into their new classroom. School Trends will be available to talk about the new online ordering system during the event.

Next year:

Nursery will be taught by Ms Gladston in the current Nursery classroom
Reception will be taught by Mrs Walton in the current Reception classroom
Year 1 will be taught by Mrs Duffield in the current Year 1 classroom
Year 2 will be taught by Mrs Robinson in the current Year 2 classroom
Year 3 will be taught by Mrs Brotherton in the current **Year 4** classroom
Year 4 will be taught by Mr Grimes in the current **Year 3** classroom

ART PROJECT: The Art Project is complete – we are just awaiting the final fixing to the Dining Hall walls.

ROTHBURY MUSIC FESTIVAL: Our Year 3 and 4 children have been singing with James Tait. He is hopeful that some children may now choose to enter some of the competitions in the music festival this weekend as a result. The Year 4s have also worked with him to develop their own dialect poetry, and a CD will be available to purchase from the festival featuring some of the children reciting their work.

James will be starting an after-school singing club in the Autumn Term on Tuesdays from 3.15pm to 4pm. More details to come next term.



END OF TERM

LEAVERS CELEBRATION: Our celebration this year will once again be in the Jubilee Hall. You should have received a ticket for the event. If you do not need your ticket, please return this to school so that we may pass it on to another family. The PTA will be serving refreshments beforehand and there will also be a raffle.

MRS NELSON: Mrs Nelson's last day at school will be Tuesday, however she will be joining the Year 4s for their Leavers Lunch on Wednesday.

VISITORS IN SCHOOL: On Tuesday afternoon we will be hosting our current School Improvement Partner, Sally Lamb, and our new School Improvement Partner, Damian Burke. They will be visiting classes and sharing the children's work.

PTA DISCO: The PTA have kindly organised a disco for children on Thursday at the Jubilee Hall. Tickets are available in school. Please see either the poster on the front door, or the website, for details.

PARENT GOVERNORS: Georgina Morgan and Iona Hughes have served us very well on the Governing Body and we extend our thanks to them for their time and commitment to our school. However due to personal circumstances they are no longer able to serve. We will be starting the election process for a new Parent Governor in September. If you are interested in the position and would like to find out more about what the role entails, please speak to Georgina Morgan, Iona Hughes or Nicki Mathewson.



**THE STAFF AND GOVERNORS OF ROTHBURY FIRST SCHOOL WISH YOU ALL
A WONDERFUL AND WARM SUMMER HOLIDAY !!!**

School starts Tuesday 5 September 2017 at 8.50am