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Head teacher's Termly Letter to Parents

Dear Parents

I hope you are well.

The new school year has started well.

The end of year results at KS2 in July were very pleasing. The percentage of children meeting national expectations was significantly above average at 84% - the national average was 61%. In terms of *progress* made since KS1, we were in the top 10% of schools nationally overall. Well done to our children, parents and staff – some achievement!

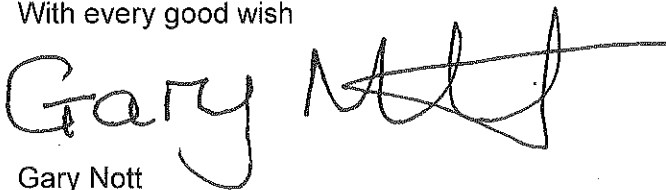
Everyone is working hard in school and I know the majority of parents are working very hard to support their children. Thank you.

We are placing particular emphasis on what is happening in our infant block. Miss Brock is now leading and managing this part of school. The percentage of children coming into Reception at levels that are below typical for age has sharply increased in the last two years. This is for the first time feeding through to Y2, where we are having to support children with more after school tutoring and a Saturday School if they are to be meeting national expectations by the summer. My thanks to the Y2 staff, children and parents who are all pulling in the same direction. It has been great to see children enjoying Saturday School!

We are also working hard to support our boys in Lower Key Stage 2 who are struggling with their reading. These children are not always well supported at home and we will have to have some difficult conversations with some parents.

Elsewhere, the Bishop has decreed that we must become an academy. Academy schools sit outside local authority control. This will mean many changes for our school and I will keep you up to speed with how things are developing as we move through the three year period the Bishop has given in which to convert.

With every good wish

  
Gary Nott