



## PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER

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### WHERE HAS THE YEAR GONE?

This is the final newsletter of this academic year! I cannot believe how quickly it has gone, but I am immensely proud of the children and the team who have worked incredibly hard to make a difference this year. Thank you to all of you for your support and your feedback – both positive and constructive comments! We are all looking forward to building further next academic year.

### AMAZING SCHOOL RESULTS!



As you all know, the Preston Hedge's Academy Trust sponsored Parklands because of many reasons, but a very big reason was that the outcomes for pupils were too low.

As a team, we have worked hard to raise expectations and standards for your children, and we are incredibly proud to share our national assessment results with you. For the first time in a very long time, our children have performed as well as, or even better than, other pupils nationally at all key indicators. Below is a table that shows our performance against national, and also compares this year against the results from the school from last year.

|  | School 2019 | National  | School 2018 |
|--|-------------|---|-------------|
| Pupils in Reception with a Good Level of Development | 79%         | 72% (2018 - 2019 figures are not yet published) | 61%         |



|                                       | School 2019 | National  | School 2018 |
|---------------------------------------|-------------|---|-------------|
| Y1 pupils who passed the Phonics Test | 93%         | 81% (2018 - 2019 figures are not yet published) | 74%         |

|  | School 2019 | National | School 2018 |
|--|-------------|----------|-------------|
| Y2 pupils who achieved Reading, Writing & Maths combined | 73%         | 65%      | 71%         |

|   | School 2019 | National 2019                                   | School 2018 |
|---|-------------|---|-------------|
| Y6 pupils who achieved Reading, Writing & Maths combined                  | 65%         | 65%   | 54%         |
| Y6 pupils who achieved Reading, Writing & maths combined at Greater Depth | 18%         | 10% (2018 - 2019 figures are not yet published) | 7%          |

Pupil outcomes are only one part of the big picture, but I wanted to share how well our children have risen to the higher expectations, and how quickly they are achieving! We are so incredibly proud of all of our children for their determination and approach to their learning! Well done to all of our children!

However, the wider curriculum, and engaging your child across all subjects continue to drive us next year, and I hope that your child has enjoyed some of our creative curriculum elements this year. We will keep trying to find creative ways to excite and enthuse your children throughout 2019-2020!

### CATERING – A CHANCE TO TRY



Just a reminder that ABM are providing a selection of hot and cold food for parents to sample on **16th July 2019** from 2pm to 3pm. They cannot provide any longer than this to ensure H&S standards are maintained.

If you want to try out the food, please drop in to one of the slots:

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2-2.20pm – Parents of children in Reception & Year One

2.20-2.40pm – Parents of children in Year Two & Three

2.40- 3pm – Parents of children in Year Four, Five & Six

### PARENTPAY

The office have sent home details of our new ParentPay system for next year. Please do sign up – this will enable you to receive information from the school and make payments. The system is a huge improvement to the one we currently use, and should help to ease some of the issues that we have had this academic year.

### NEW TEACHERS, REPORTS, TRANSITION & OPEN AFTERNOON

Tonight you will be receiving a letter informing you of who your child's teacher is next year.

Your child's final report will come home with them on **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July**.

The children will have had a session with their new teacher on the morning of the 19<sup>th</sup> of July, and in the afternoon **from 2pm**, we have an open afternoon, where you can have a look at your child's books, and take a quick visit to say hello to their new teacher if you wish!

### THE SCHOOL FETE

Thanks to the Friends of Parklands for organising the fete, and for those of you who managed to make it! We were rained off in the end, but it was a lovely event whilst it was dry! We have lots of ideas of ways to add to it next year.

If you would like to join the Friends and support the school in fundraising, please do get in touch, and we will pass your information over to Mrs Susy Wilkins, the chair of the Friends.

### SOME GOODBYES

At the end of this term, we will be saying goodbye to the following staff members:



Mrs Greenfield  
Miss Boonstra  
Mr Johnson  
Mrs Petty  
Mrs Burdett.

We warmly thank them for their hard work this year, and supporting us to make the changes that we have put in place. We wish them all the very best in their future career.

Joining us in September are:

Miss Butler & Miss Forward (our new Reception teachers)  
Miss Webster in Year 4  
Miss Bridden in Year 5.

The new KS2 teachers will be here on open afternoon, so if they happen to be your child's new teacher, do pop by and say hello!

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July** – Y6 MAT Olympics

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July** – 9.05am -Year 6 Leavers' Assembly

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July** – 6-8pm – Year 6 Prom

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July** - Break up for Summer

Have a lovely weekend!

Some images from the last 2 weeks:



## Mini Wimbledon Winners!



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## Mini Olympics on our Wellbeing Day





Taking notice in the nature area:



And a campfire too!

