



Wednesday 19th July 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

The school year is drawing to an end and it is time to reflect, take pride in our successes and plan over the Summer our new targets to improve our schools even further. The most important success is how our core values run through school life. Many visitors have remarked on how motivated the children are and how well they take pride in their learning. When I show visitors around the schools, I warn them that they will see happy children, working hard. When visitors leave, they tell me that I was right. They see a group of schools that are ‘buzzing’. They notice a healthy excitement about learning and pupils with a clear sense of pride in their school communities.

In our schools, we want every child to be successful. Our aim for our pupils is to reach for success from the very first day they join us and as they move through the key stage. When they leave us, they do so with a positive view of learning for the rest of their lives, having made a large number of friends and happy memories along the way! This great attitude to learning, alongside the great teaching has led to the best results ever in our schools at KS2. Our provisional results are:

New Wave Federation Preliminary KS2 2017										
	Reading		Writing		Maths		Combined RWM		SPaG	
	EXS	GD	EXS	GD	EXS	GD	EXS	GD	EXS	GD
GB	96%	62%	93%	40%	96%	64%	93%	36%	96%	65%
SW	98%	44%	98%	44%	98%	46%	98%	26%	98%	55%
WD	96%	46%	94%	29%	92%	38%	87%	15%	94%	33%
National	71%		76%		75%		61%		77%	

KEY: GB (Gazebrook), SW (Shacklewell), WD (Woodberry Down), EXS (Expected Standard), GDS (Greater Depth Standard), SPaG (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar)

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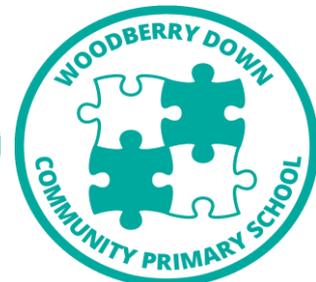


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However, it is not all about academic achievement for pupils at New Wave schools. We take pride in the many opportunities we offer our pupils. There have been many sporting, theatrical and musical events to celebrate this year, most of which are detailed on our websites and we have been delighted with the high level of parental participation at all of our school events. Huge thanks from all the 3 schools for your recent support of our highly successful 'Curiosity Challenge Week'. This will be one of the key areas that we will continue to develop next academic year as well, so watch this space.

Summer term is a real mix of pride, happiness and a little sadness. It is the time when we celebrate a year of achievement and personal successes for our children and staff community. It is also a time where some teachers move on to pastures new. I would like to say a hearty thanks to all of the staff who are moving on this year. We have all benefited from their hard work and dedication. I'd also like to take this opportunity to thank the 3 tremendous Headteachers I have the privilege of working with and supporting on their journeys. I am sure you will agree with me that Mr Hewie at Woodberry Down, Ms Reid at Shacklewell and Ms Hutchison at Grazebrook all bring a certain 'something' to their schools and work tirelessly in ensuring the federation motto 'Excellence for All' is for all to see. Thank you to the Headteachers and to their dedicated and talented staff. We could not be the places we are without each and every one of you. I am immensely proud of being the Executive Headteacher of the New Wave Federation and thank the parents as well who work very hard to make the schools as wonderful as they are.

Have a fantastic and well deserved summer break and all our three schools' staff look forward to welcoming you back on **Wednesday 6th September 2017 at 8.55** for another exciting academic year.

Best wishes,



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