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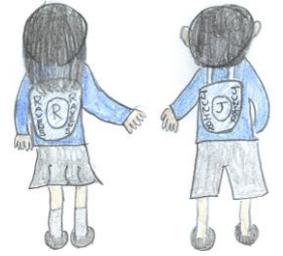
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Year 6 Production

Many thanks to Year 6 staff for organising such a lively production of Jack and the Beanstalk. The pupils gave a great performance which has been enjoyed by the infants, whole school and year 6 friends and family.

Key Dates

Tuesday 24th July film night

Wednesday 25th July, 3.20pm. Clapping out year 6 on the playground.

6th September - Pupils return to school.

Please remember to send bags and PE kits from the first day back.

INSET days for next year are on the website.

Playground Toys

We are continuing to extend our provision on the playground. If you have any dressing up clothes or toys such as dolls, cars or construction that you can donate to school, we would be very grateful.

Parent Partnership

This was another lovely occasion with a wide variety of science happening across the school. Year 4 were using an app on I-pads which was a decibel meter. This was being used to test the effectiveness of different sound proofing materials. Year 6 were making marble runs and having to consider carefully the materials and angles they were using for the marble to take a minute to complete the run.

School Dinners

The price of school dinners will be rising to £2.20 in September. We will continue to provide 3 choices a day and varied home-made puddings, as well as a choice of yogurt or fruit for dessert.

Fundraising

This year, we have been raising funds for the RSPCA. Each year group has held a specific event, such as the sponsored run in Year 3 and groups of pupils have also sold items that they have made themselves next to the tuck shop. In total, we raised £2064, which is a fabulous achievement. Thank you very much to friends and family for supporting the year group events.



Keeping Safe

This week, all pupils had a whole school assembly on keeping safe with electricity.

Please make sure that you see the updates for parents on our Twitter feed that can be found on the website. We are regularly including information regarding the latest online games and how best to keep your children safe whilst using these games.

Behaviour in School

This continues to improve and has been very much helped by the wide variety of toys, games and activities on the playground at lunchtime.

Each half term, the children are awarded a 'Raven' certificate if they have stayed 'green' all half term. If a child has managed this for every half term, they have received their '6 Ravens' certificate and a pin badge today. Others will receive a certificate for the number of half terms for which they have been successful.

SATS results

Our SATS results are in the table below and our attainment has dipped this year. No two year groups are the same and both staff and pupils have worked extremely hard. Nearly all teachers across the school gave up lunchtimes to provide extra booster classes at lunchtime and Miss Roe and Mrs Cannon ran after school booster groups.

Subject	School '18	Scaled Score	Derby	National
SPAG	71% (73)	105	74%	78%
Read	69% (71)	103	70%	75%
Maths	67% (69)	103	71%	76%
Writing	64% (66)			
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Last year, we had better results and we also had an extra teacher in the year group, so that numeracy and literacy were taught in smaller classes.

Therefore, we will be repeating this model next year and there will be extra teachers in Year 5 and 6.

We try hard in school to keep the balance for the pupils in year 6 and continue with the wider curriculum in the afternoon, visits out of school etc. I understand that parents do not want to see their children stressed or worried about the tests and we only ever ask pupils to try their best. However, this year, some parents have told their children that these results don't matter. This is a shame, as pupils are delighted when they get their results and know that they have worked hard to achieve them.

Next academic year, there will be a SATS meeting for parents in the first half term, so you understand all about the tests and how best you can help and support at home.

Governors

Mrs Jackie Drake, who has been Chair of Governors for many years, is retiring from her position. We would like to thank her for all the time and support that she has given to the school and wish her a happy time on the extended holidays that she has planned.

In September, we will have co-chairs of governors - Mr Mike Jackson and Mrs Abigail Howells. The vice chair remains as Mr Stuart Hufton.

Other governors are :

Mrs Z Cannon

Mr S Uttley

Mrs M Lord

Mrs S Akhtar

Mrs T Dickson

Mrs C Kinder

Mrs S Morrison

Miss Roe is an associate governor



Stationery in School

In the first week, all pupils are given a pencil, white board pen and green corrections pen. All of year 3 are also provided with a ruler. There are rulers available for pupils to borrow in other year groups.

There are also shared pencil sharpeners, rubbers, glue sticks, crayons and felt-tips to use.

Children will be given a new pencil each half term and a new whiteboard pen each term.

If they need a new one before this point, parents are asked to provide them.

If a pupil is awarded a 'pen license' they are given their first pen and a new pen each term.

If you wish to send in a pencil case with your child, please make sure that it is a reasonable size. Please only send white glue sticks - not the coloured ones.

All stationery is available to buy from the school office at cost price.