



Tividale Community Primary School

Newsletter - July 2015

End of Year...

As we come to the end of another very busy school year, we again have many successes on which to reflect. These include some good SATs results at both Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2. We also achieved an 84% success rate in the new Y1 Phonics screening check. All of our results compare favourably to the national averages, in some cases exceeding them. Congratulations to both the children and the staff across the whole school for all their hard work and efforts this year. We have also had a wide variety of music concerts and productions taking place, very successful Christmas and Summer Fayres, three well attended children's discos, residential and other class visits, plus a variety of sports events. The high standard of these performances have been reflective of the number of very talented children we have at Tividale. In getting to this point, may we thank you for your on-going support and also express our sincere thanks in supporting your children with their school and homework across the year.

Staffing

The following changes take effect from September:

- We have appointed Mrs Skidmore as a third Y6 group teacher.
- Mrs Findon will cover in Reception on a temporary basis until December, when Miss Ralph will be returning to her post full-time.
- Miss Collett is leaving us for a promotion to a school in Wolverhampton.
- Miss Shergill, Miss Badger and Mrs Dodd , (LSP's) are leaving us at the end of his term.
- From September there will be two names changes: Mrs Cocker will be known as Miss Hill, and Mrs Peyton as Miss Coley.
- Mrs Willan-Jones has returned from maternity leave this term as an LSP.

We extend a warm welcome to the new staff joining us and extend our thanks and very best wishes to those leaving.

Promoting British Values at Tividale

It has always been a key part of the work we do at Tividale to ensure our children become valuable and fully rounded members of society. They learn to treat others with respect and tolerance, regardless of background. We promote on a daily basis, the basic British Values of democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty, and mutual respect and tolerance for those of different faiths and beliefs.

The government set out its definition of British values in the **2011 Prevent Strategy**, and these values have been reiterated by the Prime Minister this year.

British Values have always underpinned our curriculum in school, and opportunities for learning in this is apparent in all areas across school. To continue to highlight the importance of this, and to further develop the governments requirements, a new programme of assemblies are being introduced in assembly to cover the key areas.

At Tividale, these values are reinforced regularly and in the following ways:

· Democracy:

Democracy is evident everywhere within our school. Pupils have the opportunity to have their voices heard through our Pupil Council and Pupil questionnaires. The elections of school councillors are based solely on the democratic process with children giving speeches and elections then occurring. In many lessons, issues and learning focus areas are debated widely and incorporate pupil voice as children and staff work together to ensure learning and progress.

· The Rule of Law:

The importance of laws, whether they be those that govern the class, the school, or the country, are consistently reinforced throughout regular class assemblies and in SMSC sessions, as well as when discussing behaviour and through whole school assemblies. Pupils are taught the value and reasons behind laws, that they govern and protect us, the responsibilities that this involves and the consequences when laws are broken. Visits from authorities such as the Police; Fire Service; Ambulance Service etc. are regular parts of our calendar and help reinforce this message. Pupils are involved in deciding class rules and pupil charters linked to anti-bullying and SMSC outcomes.

· Individual Liberty:

Within school, pupils are actively encouraged to make choices, knowing that they are in a safe and supportive environment. As a school we educate and provide boundaries for young pupils to make choices safely, through provision of a safe environment and empowering education. Pupils are encouraged to know, understand and exercise their rights and personal freedoms and advise how to exercise these safely, for example through our E-Safety and SMSC sessions. Whether it be through choice of challenge or activity, how they record learning, or, of participation in our numerous extra-curricular clubs and opportunities, pupils are given the freedom to make choices and to respect the decisions and choices of others.

· Mutual Respect:

Part of our school ethos and assembly provision, is centred around Core Values such as 'Relationships', and pupils are part of discussions and assemblies related to what this means and how respect is shown. Posters around the school promote respect for others and this is reiterated through our classroom and learning rules, as well as our behaviour policy. Pupils will challenge each other when not showing respect and encourage each other to be respectful.

· Tolerance of those of Different Faiths and Beliefs:

This is achieved through enhancing pupils understanding of their place in a culturally diverse society and by giving them opportunities to experience such diversity. Assemblies and discussions involving prejudices and prejudice-based bullying have been followed and supported by learning in RE and at other opportunities across the curriculum. Members of different faiths or religions are encouraged to share their knowledge and demonstrate practices, to enhance learning within classes and the school. Our curriculum and assembly provision gives the opportunity to ensure that all faiths and beliefs are valued. Through our RE curriculum, which teaches the main faiths and focuses upon learning about religion and learning from religion, we promote tolerance of the beliefs of others.

The opportunities provided for our children as outlined above ensure that our children understand the importance of respect and are fully prepared for life in modern Britain.



Medicines in school

For all those parents whose children have medicines, including asthma inhalers, in school, could we ask you to check these are in date when they are sent home and ensure new and approved medication is sent in at the beginning of the new term in September,

Please be reminded that we are only able to administer prescribed medication for life threatening or allergenic conditions in school. Please speak to Mrs Lloyd in the school office if you have any queries or concerns about this.

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Dinners, Free School Meals, Fruit, Milk and Juice

From September, the Local Authority have announced that there will be no increase to the price of school dinners. It will remain at £2.00 per day or £10.00 per week.

Can we remind you that from September ALL pupils in Reception, Y1 and Y2 are entitled to a free school meal under the new government scheme. Thank you to those of you who have signed up for this as requested.

Correct change and monies are to be paid in a named envelope on a Monday would be much appreciated. Free fruit continues to be available in Early Years and Key Stage 1.



Finally...

As always seems to be the case, time has flown by and another school year has ended. A big well done, good bye and good luck must go to any children leaving us for pastures new, and to our wonderful Year 6 children who move on to the next stage of their education from September, we wish you all the best and look forward to hearing of all of your achievements in the coming years.

May we take this opportunity to again thank parents for your continued support throughout this year and wish you a very good summer holiday. The new school year for 2015/16 starts for children on Monday 7th September.

Signed:

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Head Teacher

16th July