



Tividale Community Primary School

Newsletter - July 2016

End of Year...

The end of the academic year is always a time to reflect on what has happened over the past 39 school weeks. This year there are so many successes that everyone connected to Tividale Community Primary School can be proud of, especially the numerous fantastic student and staff achievements.

These include some excellent SATs results at both Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2. We also achieved an 88% success rate in the new Y1 Phonics screening check. All of our results compare very favourably to the national averages, in most cases exceeding them by a large margin.

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 has 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.

In addition, future school development plans are in place to ensure that Tividale's success is sustained into 2016/17. We are fully staffed with fantastic new teachers and support staff joining us in September, although we are sorry to see some excellent staff leave. This was detailed in the letter I sent out to you last week. We wish all of the staff leaving us well in their new challenges.

Recent changes on a national level have shown us situations around us can change very quickly. It is because of this, that all staff at Tividale are absolutely consistent in focusing our philosophy and ethos around one key statement:

"Always do what is in the best interests of our brilliant students."

By focusing all our decisions around this key statement we can ensure that every one of our students gets the best learning experience possible every day.

Have a great summer everyone....



New staff...

We look forward to welcoming the following staff in September:

- Mrs Partridge as Assistant Headteacher for Inclusion
- Mr Prince as Class 12's teacher
- Miss Clayton as Class 4's teacher
- Mrs Garner as Class 8's teacher (with Mrs Noble)
- Mrs Cadwallader as a Learning Support Practitioner



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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.

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 £2.10 per day or £10.50 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 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 2016/17 starts for children on Thursday 8th September.

Signed:

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Head Teacher

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