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Dear Parent/Guardian

Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 Results

In the table below I have detailed the Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 SAT's results for this year and I can confirm that these are some of the best results the school has achieved and would place the school within the top 20% of primary schools in the country. Please note that at this stage, we do not have national figures for Key Stage 1 or Greater Depth national figures for Key Stage 2. Results across the school mirror these achievements and are therefore very positive. 88% of children passed the Phonic Screening Check in Year 1 and 85% of children achieved a Good Level of development at the end of the Early Years Foundation Stage. Well done to all of the children and teachers and for all of your support as parents. Expected represents the level a child should achieve for the particular year group. Greater Depth represents children working at a higher level, above the expectation for their year group.

Year 2. Number of children in the cohort: 50. Each child represents 2%		
Subject	Expected	Greater Depth
Reading	84%	48%
Writing	84%	32%
Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling	80%	50%
Maths	86%	38%
Science	85%	-

Year 6. Number of children in the cohort: 46. Each child represents 2.12%				
Subject	Expected	National 2017	Greater Depth	National 2016
Reading	84%	71%	37%	24%
Writing	80%	76%	30%	20%
Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling	83%	77%	50%	28%
Maths	85%	75%	37%	20%
Science	85%	83%	-	-

Clubs Update

From September we will once again be running a number of After School Clubs. Following successful trials of both Dance and Yoga, these creative and artistic elements of sport will both be offered on a regular basis as will the return of tennis and all of the clubs that have been offered this year. I am afraid, due to financial pressures that there will be a small increase of 50p for each paid for session. However, I am sure you will agree the clubs still represent excellent value for money. The school subsidises all of the After School Clubs from its Sports Premium Budget in order to keep parental contributions to a minimum, so I trust I can continue to rely on your support following the increase. The Autumn Club Letter will be issued on Wednesday 6th September and all of the clubs will commence the following week.

PTA Round-Up

The PTA would like to take the opportunity to say a massive thank you for all of your support and generosity this year. We have had a very successful year and through our various fundraising activities, have raised money to support a number of development projects at school for our children. We will carry on in the next school year to raise money to enhance the school experience for our children. We would love to hear about any fresh fundraising ideas that the whole family can enjoy, so please contact the School Office or join us for our first meeting which will take place early in the Autumn term.

School Uniform

Following consultation with a number of parents, we have decided to offer you the opportunity to purchase uniform from Tesco Direct as well as School Trends. By following the link on the school website, items can be purchased directly with delivery to your home. Items such as sweatshirts, cardigans and polo shirts will be available with our school logo. Tesco will make a donation to the school for all orders placed.

Summer Reading Challenge

The children enjoyed an assembly on Monday about the Summer Reading Challenge offered by your local library. Last year just over 100 children from Deer Park took part and I would love to see that figure matched or indeed increase this year. The theme this year is centered around the mystery book *Animal Agents* by Tony Ross. The idea is that the children collect a folder from their local library and over the six week break, read six titles. Each time they read a book, return to the library and pick up a sticker giving them a further clue to help the Animal Agents solve the mystery. They will be rewarded with certificates and medals and we will celebrate their success in September during a special assembly.

Nisa Stores Making a Difference Locally donation

I received a super email last week from Mr Sohal who runs the Nisa Convenience store on Edinburgh Court. As part of a local community initiative, Nisa Stores make donations to local causes through the sales of certain products in stores, including Nisa's Own Label Heritage Range. I am delighted to inform you that Deer Park Primary School has been chosen to receive £500 through this scheme and this will go towards our Radio Project, which we are hoping to introduce later this year.

Sports Round-up

We have enjoyed an amazing year of Sport and to round it off, I am delighted to inform you that we recently won the participation award for Derbyshire from Qualitas at their celebrity packed Awards Evening held at the Winding Wheel. We have also achieved for the second year running the prestigious Schools Games Gold Award which recognises many different areas of sport within Deer Park and the emphasis we have placed on participation across the school. In addition, of the 18 schools represented at the North East Derbyshire Festival of Sport held at the Institute of Sport in Sheffield last week, Deer Park were awarded The Spirit of the Games Award for their support of each other. On Tuesday this week over 140 Junior children took part in the Sports Festival at Tupton Hall, more children than have ever entered before. Finally, last Friday Mr Bramley took our Year 4 Mini-Tennis team over to Trent College in Long Eaton for the County Finals and came home with the Silver Medal. A truly fantastic achievement for the children, knowing that we have such amazing tennis players and athletes in our school.

And Finally...

As this will be my last Newsletter for this year, can I take this opportunity to thank everyone for their kind gifts, cards and messages. I love working with the children, parents and staff of our wonderful school and as the results above demonstrate, we are all working together to improve the educational experience of our children. I would like to wish all the best to our leavers and trust that they will continue to prosper at their new schools. Have a great Summer everyone and I look forward to seeing you all again on Wednesday 6th September.

Take care

Simon Beardall

