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Successful Learners



Confident Individuals



Responsible Citizens

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What an amazing term it has been. Thank you so much for your support and hard work. The children are amazing to work with and we are having a lot of fun together. On behalf of the staff team I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a wonderful and peaceful festive period. A school can be such a fantastic community at this time of year and we are looking forward to the next couple of weeks and then into the term beyond.

December 2018



Our Mission: For all our children to be the best that they can be.

Successful Learners

At this point in the year we review the progress the children have made over the term. Our aim is that each child makes expected or better than expected progress in Reading, Writing and Maths over the year, and we look at this as being at least 3 points of progress per pupil being made during the academic year. For each term we aim to have at least 1 point of progress being made in each of those subjects. The scores on the doors for this term are that we have 96% of our children making expected or better than expected progress for Maths, 92% for Reading and 95% for Writing. This is great news and highlights how hard you, the children and the staff team are working.

Responsible Citizens

The children have continued to impress us with their support of each other during lessons and learning activities. We are beginning to reap the rewards of the children working together to develop their understanding and knowledge, including the use of peer to peer teaching. This approach is one that we have been developing over time with even the youngest of children and we are pleased that it is becoming embedded at our school. Research has proven that the voice of a friend in learning can be very powerful and we are hoping that by providing opportunity for the children to work together, collaborate and challenge each other, they will make further and improved progress.

Confident Individuals

We are now coming to the end of the season for tours of prospective Year R families for 2019. It is always a privilege to share the school with new visitors, particularly families that are considering their child's first school. One of the key ingredients of our school that shines through when walking around and exploring the school, is the passion and voice of our children when engaging in their learning. Discussion and debate, creativity and communication are central to our lessons and are certainly helping to build more confident individuals and learners amongst the children.

During Monday Assembly's we are continuing to share stories of our Champions within the school who are acting as fantastic role models in their behaviour towards learning. This past few weeks our role of honour has been - Will Holland (Mr Collin's Class), Florence Streeter (Mrs Brigden's Class), Mohammed Amin and Liam Cooper (Mr Holland's and Mrs Vigar's Class), Eli Smit-Gearats (Mr Hackett's Class). Well done to all of them and I look forward to sharing more Champions in the next newsletter.

Staffing Update

I am writing to inform you that Mr Holland will be leaving the school at the end of term as he looks towards future challenges as well as spending more time with his son before he goes on to University. John Holland is a gifted and special teacher who has helped build and develop the lives of thousands of children both in this area and in London and he will be sadly missed. We wish John every success for the future and all our best wishes go with him as he takes these next steps.