



NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents,

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I am writing this newsletter before the Year 6 Leavers Assembly, but I have no doubt that by the time parents read it they will have witnessed another superb end of year production by the boys and girls in Y6. Mrs Hillerton, Miss Offord and the children have worked enormously hard preparing the presentation and they deserve all the plaudits they receive. I am sure a good many tears will have been shed as well! I wish all the children the very best as they move on to their various secondary schools. They have been another super year group. Good luck to them all and to Isabela Laughland, Emily Collings and Bethan Pike, who will also be leaving the school at the end of term.

We also say goodbye to our Chair of Governors, Graham Ward. Graham has served two terms as chair, and has contributed enormously to the running of the school. I would like to thank him for his dedication and hard work over the last 9 years. Three other members of the governing body will also be 'retiring' very shortly; Richard Baldwin, Nick Laughland and Steve Collins. Thanks to each of them for all their valuable help and support. I wish them all the best for the future. We are now looking for new governors so if you would be interested in joining the Governing Body please contact our Clerk to the Governors, Keron Puttock. More details can be found on the school website.

Miss Groves, Learning Support Assistant in Foundation/Year 1, is also leaving the school. She has worked extremely hard over the year, supporting both children and the class teacher. I wish her all the best. Her replacement, Mrs Hannah Barrett will be joining the team in September.

I would like to thank all the staff for their continued enthusiasm, commitment and hard work over the past year. I hope everyone manages to have a peaceful and restful summer holiday.

Best wishes,

Andrew Bingham

Extra Inset Day

The government has confirmed that there will be an additional In Service Training Day for all state schools in the new academic year. This is to be used to consider new approaches to the curriculum. The date for this training day will be Wednesday 3rd November 2010. Therefore, children will return to school from the half term holiday on Thursday 4th November.

Topics

The main topics for the first half of next term are:

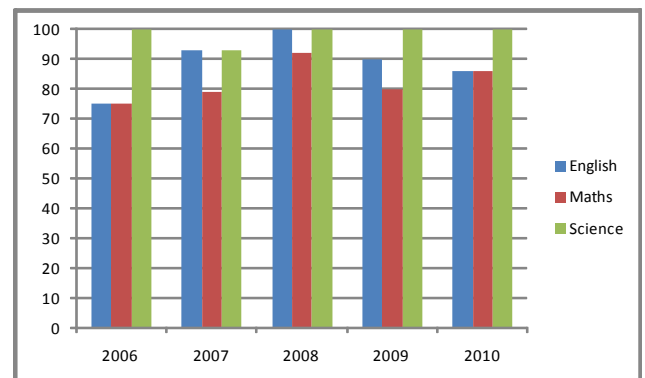
- YF/1: Friends and Helpers
- Y2/3: Plague and Fire
- Y4/5: The Mystery of Tutankhamen
- Y6: The Second World War

Next academic year, Mr Bingham will be teaching maths to Year 3.

KS2 Teacher Assessment Results

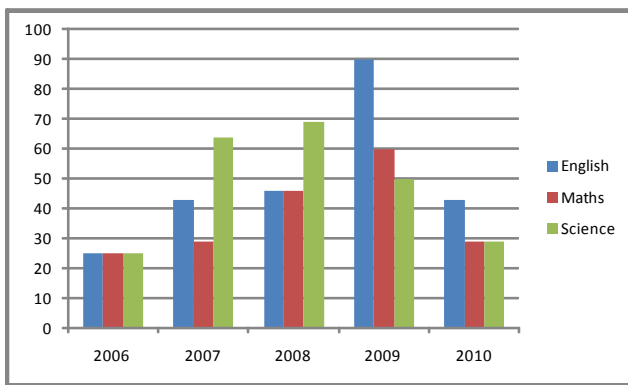
As parents are aware, Y6 did not sit the KS2 SATS tests this year. However, parents received teacher assessments for English and Maths, which are more

accurate indicators of children's abilities. Please bear in mind that the 2010 figures presented in the tables below are from Teacher Assessment. The figures for 2006 - 2009 are levels derived from the KS2 SATS Tests.

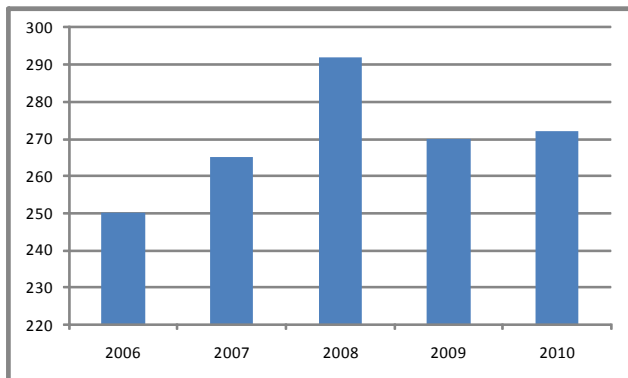


Percentage of children achieving Level 4 or over in English, Maths and Science 2006 - 2010

Please could we remind parents that any orders for school uniform must be made using the Uniform Order Form, available from the office or the school website. This can be sent in via pupil post.



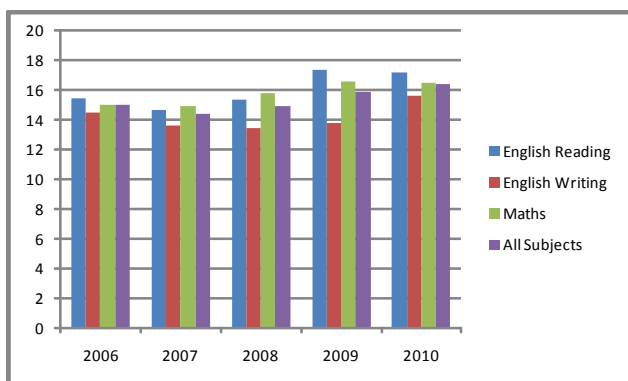
Percentage of children achieving Level 5 or over in English, Maths and Science 2006 - 2010



Combined percentage score for English, Maths and Science 2006 - 2010

KS1 Teacher Assessment Results

Our KS1 Teacher Assessment results were the highest in the last 6 years - our average points score for all subjects is the highest since 2003. The graph below displays the average points score for Reading, Writing and Maths for the 2006 - 2010 cohorts.



Well done to all the children in Y2 and Y6 and to Mrs Hillerton, Mrs Nicholson and all the other staff.

Foundation/Year 1 Visit to Half-Moon.

Mrs Howe's class enjoyed an amazing day at the Half-Moon pub in Cuxham, Oxfordshire. Owners, Andrew Hill and Eilidh Ferguson showed the children how to cook using ingredients from the pub's kitchen garden. The children greatly enjoyed picking the fruit and vegetables and feeding the geese and the two Gloucester Old Spot pigs. Many thanks to Andrew and

Eilidh for providing the children with such an amazing experience.

Parent Survey Update

Whilst we were pleased with the overall response by parents to our Parent Questionnaire, a number of parents requested that we provide more information on what the children will be learning over the year. In response to this request we will be providing parents with the opportunity to view many of the learning intentions for the year, via the school website. This information, taken from the end of year school reports, will be available at the start of the academic year. Some parents are also unsure about who our governors are and the role they play. Some additional information regarding governors has been included on the website (About Us/Governors)

Glass Tiles

The glass tiles that the children created during our Science and Arts Week back in February are still at Theale Green Community School. Unfortunately, there was a fire (unintended) in the kiln and this has pushed back the firing process. We are hoping that the tiles will be back with us in the early part of the autumn term.

Sports Events

Once again, our Y5/6 kiwk cricket team performed exceptionally well at the 2010 Federation Tournament, held on Thursday 9th June. Runners up in their group, the boys and girls played much fancied Bucklebury Primary School in the semi-final. Batting first, the team scored a highly impressive 305 runs. Some powerful hitting from the final Bucklebury pair ensured a tight finish, but the team won by 9 runs. In the final Bradfield proved too strong, winning by over 50 runs. Well done to all the players and thanks to Aimee and Emily for organising the scoring. Our rounders team played superbly at the 2010 Federation Rounders Tournament, winning 3 of their 4 matches, and finishing runners up. In their crucial match against Bradfield, the team defended magnificently, but lost when they conceded a rounder on the final ball of the game. Well done to all the children who took part and thanks to Mrs Javes for managing the team. Our Y5/6 boys relay team made it to the finals of the Inter Schools Relays, held on Thursday 17th June. Tom, Luc, Joseph and Mitchell ran superbly to finish 3th overall. The girls did not make it through to the final, but they finished a highly creditable 3rd in their heat. Well done to all the runners! The Y4/3 Tennis Squad played in their first tournament at Bradfield College. The boys and girls won 1 of their 3 matches. Our KS1 MultiSkills Team were runners up at the tournament held at Kennet



School on 28th June. Congratulations to the Blue Team, winners of the 2010 Sports Day. Many thanks to Mrs Hillerton and Y6 for organising and running the event. Thanks also to Alison Nicholson for scoring.

Tesco/Sainsbury's Vouchers

A huge thanks to parents, friends and relatives for donating so many Tesco and Sainsbury's vouchers. We didn't collect quite so many vouchers this year; 7000 Tesco vouchers and 6900 Sainsbury vouchers. We have ordered a further set (15) of high quality headphones (these have largely proven to be child proof!), replacement optical mice, GorillaPod Tripods for the Camera Club and some blank CDs. Mrs Phillips has ordered an assortment of playground and cooking equipment.

Extended Schools

Once again, the Theale Extended Schools Partnership has compiled a guide of child friendly events and activities taking place over the summer holidays. This guide is even more comprehensive than last year's guide and gives a day by day breakdown of activities (many of which are free) in the Berkshire area. The guide can be downloaded from the school web site.

Y6 School Journey to the Isle of Wight

The website 'blog' and photographs clearly show how much the children in Y6 enjoyed their residential visit to the Isle of Wight at the end of June. The amazing weather was nothing more than the behaviour and enthusiasm of the children deserved. We often write about the fantastic experiences the children have on residential trips, but we should not forget the fond (unforgettable!) memories they provide for the staff as well. Thanks to Mrs Hillerton for organising and leading the trip. Thanks also to Mrs Hillerton and Miss Offord for giving up their time for the Y6 Barbeque.

Musical Events

We hope parents enjoyed the end of term choir concert held on Tuesday. As usual, Mr Teale selected an eclectic mix of tunes, but the boys and girls rose to the challenge and sang beautifully. Earlier in the month choir visited Oakley School to see



their performance of the Wizard of Oz. They returned enthused and we are looking forward to putting on our own production of the show this Christmas. The Recorder Stars showed off their talents at their own recital on Wednesday. Thanks to Mrs Nicholson, Mr Teale and Mrs Davis for working so hard with the children.

Summer Fayre

A huge thanks to everyone who was involved in this year's Summer Fayre. Clair, Eve and the team had put an enormous amount of effort into organising the event. We received many positive comments from family and friends who attended, and the sum raised, just over £1750, was amazing. The School Council stall raised £35, which will be split between our two nominated charities. We are still working on the details of the final stage of the playground project, but we hope to undertake the remainder of the work in the summer holidays.

Summer Reading Challenge

This year's West Berkshire Libraries Summer Reading Challenge is called Space Hop. Judith Paulka from Theale Green Library came in to school to explain how the challenge works; children are encouraged to read six books over the holiday. Everyone who signs up for the challenge can keep track of the books they read on a special fold-out poster. Visit your local library for more details or go to www.summerreadingchallenge.org.uk

School Dinners

The cost of school dinners will remain at £2 next year. Dolce are again offering all new pupils to the school free school meals for their first five days at school.

Achievement Awards

Congratulations to the following children, who were awarded Achievement Awards in June and July.

- F: Adam, Alex, Louis, Clara, Helen and Tilly
- Y1: Harry, Grace, Lily, Joseph, Oliver and Elliot
- Y2: Max, Torr, Emily, Shona, Ed and Anna
- Y3: Grace, Darian and Isabella
- Y4: Jack, Jessica, Elizabeth, Victoria and Samuel
- Y5: Harry, Joseph, Kevin, Sam, Sidney, James and Chloe
- Y6: Whole Class, Kiran, Luc and Hannah

Diary Dates

2nd Sept.
3rd Sept.
6th Sept.

Children return from the summer holidays.
First day for 1st new intake.
First day for 2nd new intake.



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Healthy Schools

