

King Edwin Primary and Nursery School Newsletter from the Governors

Firstly, welcome to our new pupils and their parents, and welcome back to those returning for the new school year. The end of the 2017/18-year saw some wonderful results from our pupils that completed their SATs in May this year. The results were a resounding success, particularly to have improved on the excellent progress made during the 2017 exam period. So a huge 'well done' to our pupils and to their parents who helped by encouraging them to work hard.

This time last year we welcomed our new Head teacher, Mr Callaghan Wetton, to our school. The task he was set was both challenging in its aspiration and demanding in the time that needed to be dedicated to improving the progress of all children at King Edwin. The measures that we put in place early in 2017 produced some good results and these, together with lots of new initiatives from the head teacher, have continued at a fast pace under his leadership this year. It was clear to the governing body that significant changes were necessary in a number of areas, not least in the level and quality of communication with our parents. Our children will always come first at King Edwin. However, we acknowledge that our parents have a very important and significant part to play in the whole process of learning. You have shown this year that by working more closely together with the staff and the children as 'one team' that major improvements can be delivered. The more regular letters on our school web site and the social media feeds we are operating all serve to show the interest in the school and its activities. Please keep talking to us because that provides a very good means for us to keep with your thoughts and ideas.

The contribution of all King Edwinners, together with the generous support we have received from a number of local sources, has allowed us to improve virtually every area of school life. You will be aware that on 4th July 2018 we received our Ofsted Inspection. This occurs about every five years and is a 'no notice' inspection that looks at every facet of school in terms of the environment, culture and the aspirations we set, as well as the more obvious careful assessment of teaching standards and the progress being made by our children. Within the next week or so, Ofsted will be posting that report in full for the general public to read. You of course were advised of the outcome as soon as we had permission to do so. The overall grading was given as 'Good' but we would ask that you look carefully at the report wording and judge for yourselves how well the inspection went. In many areas our school is shown as having reaching outstanding levels of progress for our pupils. However, this is not the time to rest on our laurels. This last year has only been part of that journey. The Head teacher and his staff are fully committed to continuing that process of change for King Edwin and to make it greater still in the future. The governing body are very proud of the achievements made by everyone associated with King Edwin and we very much encourage your continued support and commitment to helping us take the school on to the next level.

A very big 'Thank You' to our children for working so hard, to Mr CW and his team for their huge efforts and commitment, and to our parents who have contributed so much with their support this year. Onwards and upwards!