

19th July 2019

Dear Parents and Carers

As we reach the end of another enriching and fulfilling year at JCA, I wanted to share some of our many achievements. We have achieved some fantastic results in 2018/2019.



You will be pleased to know that children across our school achieved excellently across all phases of the academy and continue to perform significantly above national expectations.

Key headlines:

- 93% of our Foundation Stage children achieved the 'Good Level of Development'. This places us well above national averages and the highest in the Wakefield authority.
- 100% of our Y1 children passed the phonics screening check. Our average achievement over 5 years is now 98%
- Y2 children achieved incredibly high results with 90% achieving the expected in Reading, Writing & Maths. We are very pleased with this achievement and this places us significantly above national averages and the highest in the Wakefield authority.
- Y6 children exceeded national expectations with 94% combined. This places us as the highest performing school in Wakefield and one of the top performing schools in the country.
- We achieved 97.47% for attendance this year. This is significantly high and places us as one of the highest attending schools in the country. Thank you for ensuring your children come to school as much as physically possible and not taking them out of school for holidays during term time.

We were so pleased this year to be recognised for the education that we provide your

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children. We are passionate about providing the very best broad curriculum. Some of our key achievements for the school have been:

- Achieving Sports Mark Gold for our achievements in sport for the third year running
- We have ran three successful curriculum weeks; creative arts, enterprise and outdoor ecological issues
- 85% of our children have attended extra-curricular clubs
- 240 schools have visited our school to learn from our practice in order to help more children have a vibrant education.







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As I have said at every celebration this week, it takes a community to create a fantastic school and your support in wanting us to be the best we can be is unwavering. Thank you for all of your support this year. I absolutely love JCA and know that you share this passion with me too.

Special thanks to our wonderful PTA

I am sure you will all agree that our PTA have done a fantastic job in raising funds for our school through a variety of special events. Please see the PTA poster outlining all of their achievements this year, WOW! Thank you to them for everything they do to give our children to provide wonderful enrichment opportunities.

Goodbye Miss Brook & good luck!

As you all read in our newsletter a couple of weeks ago, Miss Brook has



once again been seconded to another school to carry out her brilliant school improvement work. She will be working alongside myself in leading Goldthorpe Primary School and will be deployed by JCA to the school for at least a year. I know that we will see her at lots of our events as she remains in our JCA family.

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Welcome to Miss Farrer & Mrs. K Wood

We welcome Miss Farer into Year 1 as the new Y1 class teacher. Miss Farrer has made lots of visits this term and we can't wait for her to join our team.

We also welcome Mrs Wood to our Jerry Clay English Hub. Mrs Wood will be leading the work of our English Hub and working with our Jerry Clay Reading team. She will be located in my current office as I move back to the office next to Timmy rabbit again.

Good luck & goodbye to all our Year 6 children

Finally, I would like to say a special thank you and goodbye to our Year 6 children who will be leaving us to go to secondary school. Our Year 6s have been an absolute delight. We will miss them all dearly; however, look forward to hearing all about their achievements as they progress.

I wish you all a safe and exciting holiday and hope that you get to spend some quality time as a family. We look forward to welcoming you all back on **Tuesday 3rd September**.

On behalf of all of the leadership team, trustees, staff and children we would like to thank you for your continued support of our academy. We very much believe our successes are achieved in partnership with families and look forward to us achieving even greater things during the next academic year.

Yours sincerely,

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