

Wednesday 20th December 2017

Dear Parents / Guardians,

As we approach the end of 2017 I would like to thank you for your continued support. Over the past 12 months, the school has had lots to celebrate with considerable achievements and progress made.

During 2017 the school has received awards and accreditation for Early Years, Attendance and Healthy Schools. Additionally, we were very pleased with the hugely positive Ofsted Report the school received in June. Parental feedback to Ofsted at this time really helped us to showcase our school; so I thank you again for your kind words and support.

Academically, we continue to make giant strides forward with Early Years Performance Data doubling over the past 3 years and Year 1 Phonic scores now surpassing national averages. At the end of Year 6, data shows the children who have been in our school throughout the juniors make outstanding progress. The school has the 3rd and 7th highest progress scores in the city for Mathematics and Reading respectively. Furthermore, this year the school is in the top 1% of schools nationally for progress in Mathematics. This is an amazing achievement and something we should all feel proud of.

Attendance continues to improve, which has had a clear impact on the excellent performance data. We have surpassed city averages for attendance and I hope we can continue to strive towards our ambitious target of 97% during 2018. This has been a whole school effort so thank you to everyone in helping us to make such big improvements in this area.

The school curriculum has evolved over the past 12 months with staff keen to ensure an understanding of our local area, city and wider world is at the heart of everything we teach. Residential and day trips play a huge part in this. 2017 saw our first ever overseas trip to Barcelona – which was a huge success and something we are looking to repeat in 2019. There were also visits to Crosby Hall and Mount Cook in Derbyshire with all children and staff having a wonderful time. During 2018, we are planning our first ever school trip to the Isle of Man; which I am sure will be another fantastic experience for our children.

The children have put on some wonderful performances this year beginning with 'In my Liverpool Home' in April. Over the past week, we have seen 3 fantastic Christmas productions performed by Early Years, Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2. I am sure you would all

agree we have some wonderful talent in our school and it is great to see their confidence grow and grow. I would like to thank the staff for all of their hard work in putting together the productions; including a special thanks to Miss. Tremarco and Mrs. Grindley. Yesterday, we took the whole school down to the Echo Arena to see Aladdin. The children loved the show and their behaviour throughout, as always, was impeccable.

In the current financial climate, school fund raising is more important than ever. This year we have raised vital funds through two 'Chocolate Bingo' nights and our 'Summer Barbeque'. The financial benefits of such occasions are matched by the pleasure in seeing our children and families enjoy themselves as part of our school community. In addition to this, your generous support has helped raise much needed funds for charities both close to home and abroad. Once again, thank you for your continued support.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to wish each of you a great Christmas and best wishes for a happy 2018.

Yours,

Mr. N. Verdin (Headteacher)