



THORNBURY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear parents

It seems amazing that there are only two weeks until half term. I thought I would just drop you all a quick message to thank you for your support so far this year and to pass on some headline information that I am sure you will be interested in. We also hope to be posting letters on our website very soon.

In Early Years significantly more children were at the levels expected for their age at the end of the year than at the beginning and in lots of areas the trend is upwards.

In Key Stage 1 (years 1 and 2) your children last year achieved the best results for five years in reading, writing and maths. We still have a long way to go until we reach the national average, if children continue to make the same progress this is now well within our sights. Well done to everyone involved in this.

In Key Stage 2 (years 3 to 6) your children again achieved the best results ever in combined English and maths at Level 4 (national average) and for the first time rose above the new National Floor Standard. Also expected progress of children across Key Stage 2 was better than that seen nationally in English and maths. This is very good news and shows how the hard work put in by the children is having a very positive effect. Again we have much to do to reach national average; with the determination the whole school now has this is a very realistic aspiration

All this cannot happen without the continued support and questions from parents and the community, so a big thank you from us all for keeping us on our toes and supporting your children to do well.

We have the next HMI monitoring visit this week (Tuesday, Wednesday) and I hope we will be able to demonstrate that we are clear about what we still need to do to improve and that the team will share in the progress that has been made. I will report back on this as soon as I am able.

I have enjoyed meeting so many of you at the school gates, thank you for making me so welcome and please raise issues with me that concern you or that you are pleased with.
Yours sincerely

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