

Welcome to BPS 2017/2018

We look forward to another year...

This is the time of year when we share with you how the children are doing here at BPS. We will soon publish (on the website) our results and all the up to date information, as well as outlining our targets in the school improvement plan for the coming year.

Please do take the time to log on to the *school website* each week as it is regularly updated with information and photos of life in school. You will always find something new to enjoy on there. We are also launching our *BPS FACEBOOK page* as another way to share information and celebrate school life - please do follow us.

I would like to take a moment to say that although a school is largely judged on its end of Year 6 results (the outcome data,) we all recognise that no school is purely about the 'numbers'. We pride ourselves on being a community school that: cares about the welfare of our pupils, encourages our youngsters to seek out the possibilities in life and do very well in all subject areas at school, embracing the opportunities beyond the academic curriculum so they leave us as well rounded and positive young people. You will know we are passionate about promoting an exciting and varied curriculum and in looking out into the world around us through our ever-present Rights Respecting ethos.

We want the best for your children academically, in their physical wellbeing and as social, emotional and spiritual youngsters. Our promise to you, as ever, is that we will always strive to seek ways to improve in each of these areas.



Academic overview 2016/2017

End of KS2 results (Year 6)

KS2 means pupils from Yr3-Yr6

- Children left BPS with attainment at the Expected Standard in Maths at above national levels this year. Pupils working at Greater Depth did not attain national expectations so we will need to improve in this area this year.
- Children left BPS with attainment at the Expected Standard in Reading in line with national this year (1% below). With pupils working at Greater Depth (more able) pleasingly surpassing national standards.
- Spelling Punctuation and Grammar for Year 6 (SPAG) was also above national figures at the Expected Standard. Pupils working at Greater Depth were a superb 10% above national standards.
- Writing standards were back up where they should be this year with pupils at the Expected Standard exactly at the national level. Pupils working at Greater Depth performed at DOUBLE the national level! We are obviously delighted with this result.
- The percentage of pupils attaining at Greater Depth at BPS was above national in reading and writing and SPAG – so a massive success for all things in the English curriculum.
- The R/W/M combined measure has come in below national (which rose to 61% this year) – this is the number of children who met the expected standard in all three subjects. We were 54% which equates to around 4 children short of the national result. This needs to be a focus for us in 2017/2018 so that we increase the combined totals and give our pupils the best 'all round' picture. We are not happy to settle with just over half of our cohort gaining expected standard in all three subjects.
- Progress measures show that we have come in the top 25% of schools for progress in writing and the middle 20% of schools for maths and reading. There are no progress measures for SPAG. All progress measures are well above the floor standards set for all schools.

All school results will be on the website as soon as final details are with us

Teaching throughout the school, is GOOD or better. Teaching continues to improve through a consistent approach to raising expectations, development opportunities and peer to peer support.

Curriculum opportunities have grown

Learning behaviour is GOOD



Sport is excellent and teams achieve highly and are acknowledged locally

Creativity can be seen everywhere

Some of the focus areas over the coming year...

Whilst celebrating our successes, we have no intention of becoming complacent. We must keep working hard in these areas and focusing closely on the following ones as we move into 2017/2018. We commit to working tirelessly to make these things happen.

- **Maths achievement across the school continues to improve but is still a focus area and we must do better still...** we are focusing on mastery in maths across the MLT this year.
- **Wider reading – our KS2 results indicate that the more widely children read at home, the better they do across the whole curriculum.** Reading at home really works. Being able to read and understand text, not only enables all children to do better at school (primary and secondary), but also improves life chances after school is over. **Reading will always be on our radar as it is the area of learning that opens so many other doors ...**
- **Writing across the whole curriculum will be a focus this year** – we will be ensuring that everywhere we write it is the best quality possible.
- **Our 'Irresistible Curriculum' development to continue the 'storytelling' model we adopted last year.** This gives us an overarching EPIC adventure through the year to hang our learning on...talk to us if you'd like to hear more (newsletters and learning letters will explain each year groups EPIC ideas...)
- **Continuing to improve our environment – playground and learning spaces.** We are determined to improve our outside spaces further this year – it all takes time and money! Look out for where you can help us out ...

- **Parental involvement and what we offer to you.** The new Facebook page is aiming to improve communication and the parent forum meeting termly will be open to you all to discuss key issues. Regular opportunities to come in and share in learning in the classroom will continue.
- **Exploring Bullying and creating NEW pupil ambassadors** ...we will be offering some discussion around this with families during our *Anti Bullying* month in November.
- **Growing a THRIVING learning community** – We are updating our approaches to behaviour management with THRIVE at the heart of what we do (please ask us about this ...). You will feel a distinctly positive change throughout the year ahead...
- **Continuing to grow our Gardening and Cookery offer across school...** How could you be involved?
- **Exciting opportunities and events growing out of the Minerva Learning Trust collaboration** – Keep an eye out! 🧐
- We are determined to ensure all pupils make good progress. We believe passionately in achievement for all and will work in partnership with families to make this happen – **Improvement focus.**

We continue to refresh our VALUES in everything we do as we start our NEW school year...

See if you can see where we demonstrate them. Your children should be able to say how they show them too...



We believe that there is nothing that can't be overcome with **KINDNESS** at the heart of our interactions with each other.

Who should you talk to about something in school?

Heading up Years 4-6 is Mrs Farmer (formerly Miss Cooper), Years 1-3 is headed up by Mrs Dyke. Mrs Russell is the lady to talk to about SEN (Miss Bowles is also training in SEN management this year). Mr Gough is our NEW Deputy Head, he looks forward to meeting you all. We would however ALWAYS recommend a chat with the class teacher in the first instance as they are most likely to be able to resolve any issues early on or redirect you to someone who can help you. You will see at least two members of the LEADERSHIP team and Marian Smith (our **Family Support Worker**) out on the playground somewhere before school and at the end of the school day. Please do take a moment to talk to one of us – a problem shared is one we can attempt to solve together.

Please do remember that your children are your responsibility before and after the school day – it helps us and all other families significantly if you keep your children in sight and insist on them behaving well in the school grounds.

We strive to ensure ALL children feel safe when they are on site here at BPS.

We look forward to another super year and thank you for allowing us to be part of your child's learning journey.



Debbie Brown (Headteacher)

Thank you for taking the time to read this information. If you have further questions or wish to support our work in any way, please don't hesitate to make contact with us.

All information about results, curriculum and all the other things your children are involved in here are on our website. I do encourage you to take a look from time to time so you can see what we are all up to here at BPS.