

Headteacher's final letter (July 2018)



Bridport Primary believes in a world of possibilities...

Dear BPS community,

There are far too many things to say and too many things going around in my head to say them well. I leave you, therefore, with a poem I have written to be shared with the children this week in our final assembly together. I feel it conveys all I want to say to you all...

BPS – OUR SCHOOL

This is a place where thoughts are formed

Where ideas grow from tiny seeds

Where we all come to learn more than we already know

This is a place where children shine

Where beautiful characters are grown

Where we know there is love

This is a place where we believe in possibilities

Where dreams are encouraged

Where there are no barriers to who we might become

This is a place where we laugh

Where mistakes are forgiven

Where kindness is king

This is a place where young minds are nurtured
Where we look beyond the obvious
Where you are not defined by your behaviour

This is a place where community matters
Where every child is welcome
Where we can all be who we were meant to be

This is a place where children can take refuge
Where adults can find a friend
Where we call ourselves a family

This is a place grown out of love
Where we can return time and again
Where we feel 'at home'

This place will always have a place in my heart
And I leave a little of my heart in it where it belongs.

Thank you for all that you have allowed *this place* to be and all that you have allowed me to grow with you. Continue to believe in a world of possibilities because they are endless...

With the greatest of respect for you all, Debbie Brown ☐

I leave you with a few fun memories – enjoy a superb summer break ☐



We have had an amazing year and finish with some well-deserved celebrations

Well done to all the pupils and teachers receiving results in national assessments in the last few weeks. We are very pleased with the attainment of our EYFS, KS1 and KS2 children. All results will be on the website in the autumn term with progress data which is not released until late August. So for now ...

Our EYFS attainment result was in line with national expectations (71% GLD) as were all of our KS1 results with some exceeding national 2017 and maths being particularly strong. In KS2 all but maths was met or exceeded national expectations with R/W/M combined at 5% higher than national (69%). Greater Depth has significantly improved at KS1 and remains strong at KS2.

A great curriculum leads to good outcomes and opens the door to a young person's future life chances. We are proud of all our youngsters have achieved under the good quality teaching here.

A note from our Governors

I was privileged to attend the Y6 leavers show, The Greatest Jungle last week. It was superb, with our pupils singing, dancing and acting their way through a 'mash-up' of a number of animal themed shows. I thanked them, and all parents and school staff in the room for all they had done to work together to showcase the talents of all.

Sitting proudly in the front row were Mrs Brown and Mrs Farmer. They both leave our school after many years of dedicated work, shaping the schools approach to teaching and learning to ensure that our children have a well-rounded learning experience. On the surface these two dedicated teachers and leaders will to most of us appear calm and measured as they go about their daily work at BPS, but make no mistake, their jobs are very complex and require high-level skills honed through much training and gained experience. They have managed huge challenges professionally and calmly to ensure every child is well educated and cared for. Your governors thank them both deeply for their service to our school and wish them well as they take the next step on their respective journeys.

Teacher, Katie Molloy was also in the audience, beaming with pride. We wish her all the best for the future and thank her as well for all she has contributed to BPS.

We also embark on a new journey. We are confident in our staff and leaders as we start our new year in September. We welcome Helen Farmer to our team. Helen has a proven record of school leadership and brings huge experience to our school. She is already working with school leaders, governors and staff as we plan for the year ahead. I shall keep you informed regarding the appointment of the new Headteacher as the year progresses. Enjoy your summer break, David Powell (Chair of Governors)

School resumes on Wed 5th September 2018 – be safe and have a great holiday.

