



# Midhurst Primary School Summer Term Newsletter #5 18.07.11

## END OF THE YEAR AND THE HOLIDAYS

I am having real trouble believing we are already at the end of the academic year, and that this will be my last letter for the year. I have really enjoyed the year and getting to know the children and all of you. I seem to have got to grips with the names of the majority of children, and I reckon about half of the parents. Not bad for me!

It has also been fantastic to learn about what a fantastic team of people we have at the school, all committed to doing the best for the children. I am looking forward to continuing to work together next year.

Just, whilst I am thinking about the end of the year, a reminder that you will need to **pick up your child/children at 12.00 on Friday.**

Hopefully this will give you the chance to make a quick getaway for the Summer Holiday. The children are **then due to return to school on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September** and I am already looking forward to it! Can I take this opportunity to wish you all a fantastic holiday with, I hope, some sunshine.

## PARENTAL QUESTIONNAIRES

Thank you to those of you who have already completed the questionnaires online. We hope to analyse the feedback as soon as we can after the children have broken up, so will take the questionnaire down on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup>. If you are still intending to complete the questionnaire, please do so by the end of the day on Friday.



**Well done** to India Davies from year 6, who was awarded the Kavanagh's Budgen's trophy for community contribution. India won the award for a number of reasons, her role on the school council, her work as a Senior pupil, her contribution to her class and the school, her involvement in the school band, to mention just a few.

Well done also to Fons Oomen and Gracie Spooner from year 6. Both were awarded the Vawdrey Trophy for determination. This is to recognise the concerted effort both have made to improve academically and personally across their time at Midhurst school.



## KEY STAGE 2 SATS

We have recently received back our Key Stage 2 SATS, the papers that children in year 6 take as a measure of where they are working in readiness for their transition to Secondary Education, as well as the progress they have made since they started at the school. The aim for all primary schools is for their children to leave them working at Level 4 or better, as this reflects the level needed, particularly in English and Maths to be able to access the Key Stage 3 curriculum. I am delighted to be able to report that we have made significant strides towards this aim, as the results in the table below show. I have included the results achieved the year before, so that you can see how the improvements we have focused on have had impact.

	End of 2010 %	End of 2011 %	National Average %	Trend %
Reading 4+	82% of cohort	92% of cohort	84%	↑ 10
Reading 5+	41% of cohort	29% of cohort	51%	↓ 12
Writing 4+	54% of cohort	75% of cohort	71%	↑ 21
Writing 5+	4% of cohort	8% of cohort	21%	↑ 4
Maths 4+	71% of cohort	83% of cohort	83%	↑ 12
Maths 5+	19% of cohort	29% of cohort	35%	↑ 10
English overall 4+	70% of cohort	92% of cohort	81%	↑ 22
English and maths overall 4+	71% of cohort	88% of cohort	74%	↑ 17

We are pleased with the upward trajectory of most of our results. We are also pleased with the achievements made with the number of children achieving level 4 or above in English, maths and in both English and maths. We recognise that there is now some work to do to raise the number of children achieving the higher levels. This does, of course, only represent a snapshot of the school's work and there is much more to the work that we do. We will however be using this information to analyse how we can continue to improve the school and to this end will be updating the Development plan over the Summer. I intend then to hold a parents meeting early in the Spring Term, where I can explain these results further, as well as present the intended next steps for the school to continue to improve.

I believe that these results are a good reflection of the excellent work of the children and adults that have been working with them, and so a big well done and thank you from me for all the hard work.

## NEWSFLASH!

As part of an MA research project, Mr. Mannings (Lydia and Chloe's Dad) would like to survey the opinions of parents on music provision at Midhurst Primary School. Please don't be surprised if he approaches you for a quick questionnaire of just 5 questions this coming week; your contribution is appreciated.

Look out also for the **Madhurst Mad Hatters Teas Party**. This is being held at **Cowdray Ruins on Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup> August from 2.00pm – 4.30 pm**. This is a **free event** as part of the Madhurst Festival.

Well, that leaves me with nothing more to say than to wish you, once again, a fantastic Summer Break.

Yours exhaustedly,

Matthew Barnes