



#### Dear Parents and Carers,

We have reached the end of a very busy year! This year has had many challenges but I feel we are finishing the year stronger than ever and I am so pleased with the progress we have made as a school. Our staff have worked incredibly hard to adapt quickly to the changes we have made over the past year and this has been reflected in our Challenge Partner review and our Trust Growing Together process. We have been fully supported by our team of Governors who have extensive knowledge of the curriculum following numerous Governor visits. We are in a good position for the start of next academic year and I am in the process of finalising our areas of focus for next year. I will share these with you in the Autumn term.

The introduction of our reading incentive has been a highlight for me this year. There has been a real buzz around reading and I hope this continues next year.

Thank you for all of your support and understanding during this year, we have thoroughly enjoyed working with you.

I would like to wish our Year 2 children the best of luck as they start the next part of their educational journey as they move to Year 3.

Thank you all for your kind words and messages of thanks, it really does mean so much to us!

Enjoy the Summer break.

Take Care, Mrs Holmes

### Ready Set Read

The Summer Reading Challenge encourages children to use their local library and maintain their reading habit through the summer. It aims to mitigate the dip in performance associated with a long break from reading, that many children experience in the new school year.

From 1 July until the 17 September, children 0-15 years can sign up to take part and complete the six-book challenge. The offer is enhanced with a range of free family activities, all designed to promote reading for pleasure and the joy of sharing books and stories.

A Ready, Set Read! invitation bookmark has been sent for every child in primary school and, as an additional incentive, there is a £100 book prize to the school from which the highest percentage of pupils complete the challenge.

For further information about our full programme of activities please visit <a href="leicester.gov.uk/summerreadingchallenge">leicester.gov.uk/summerreadingchallenge</a>.



#### 500 Words

On Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June 8 of our Year 2 children attended the 500 words awards ceremony. All children in Year 2 completed a short story for the competition and 8 finalists were chosen to compete with Brookside Primary School and Woodland Grange Primary school.

Congratulations to our 8 finalists, we were thrilled to have 3 children receive the highly commended award and one child receive the Gold award for their creative writing story. Well done Mia!

We are very proud of all of the finalists.

Solomon - Red Class

Sophia - Red Class (Highly commended)

Fatimah - Yellow Class

Orla - Yellow Class

Oscar - Gold Class (Highly commended)

Mia - Gold Class (Gold Award)

Alice - Orange Class (Highly commended)

Sofiya - Orange Class



### Dates for your diary

Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	School closes
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> August	School opens for Year 1
	and Year 2
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> August	Home visits for
- Monday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Reception
September	
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Reception half days
September and	
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	
September	
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Reception first full day.
September	
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 1 and Year 2
	Reading sessions
	(8:50 every Friday for the
	Autumn term)

## **Metcalf Sports**

From September our after school clubs will be delivered by Metcalf Sports. Metcalf Sports currently work alongside school staff each afternoon delivering PE sessions and sessions at lunchtime. We hope this change will provide the children with further consistency. We are also excited by the range of clubs on offer:

- Gymnastics
- Dodgeball
- Football
- Archery

To sign up please click on the link below:





Metcalf Multisports

# Reading Incentive

Our Reading incentive will pause over the summer holidays. All reading records have been collected in and children can pick up from where they left off in the Autumn term. We would like to encourage all children to continue reading over the Summer and would encourage children to take part in the library summer reading challenge.