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Dear Parents/Carers

Many of you will be aware that headline SATs results for the end of Key Stage 2 were released to schools last Tuesday 10th July.

It is up to the headteacher when the results are given to pupils and parents but there are regulations that set out what must be included in reports. As such, those of you with children in Year 2 and Year 6 will have received a Key Stage 1 or 2 comparative report enclosed within the envelope containing your child's annual report distributed last Friday.

Although this data is currently unvalidated and could change, we wanted to write to you all earlier than usual to share the Key Stage 2 outcomes. (Please note end of Key Stage 1 National Averages for this academic year are yet to be confirmed and so further communication about these will follow).

Please see the table below that shows our school's performance at the end of Key Stage 2 last academic year compared to this academic year, as well as to national averages:-

Subject	Percentage of pupils achieving the expected standard 2017		Percentage of pupils achieving the expected standard 2018	
	School	National	School	National
English reading	65%	72%	67%	75%
English grammar, punctuation and spelling	58%	77%	64%	78%
Mathematics	43%	75%	67%	76%
English writing (teacher assessment)	47%	76%	72%	78%

As you will see, although our performance is still below national, we have made significant improvement in mathematics and writing this year. These areas have been the key priorities on



our Rapid Improvement Plan and we are very pleased to be able to evidence the impact of this through our end of Key Stage 2 outcomes. You will also have seen from the recent governors' newsletter that we were externally moderated this year and this provides quality assurance to our teacher assessment.

We would like to congratulate our Year 6 children on their results and commend them for their hard work and positive attitudes throughout the year, as well as in the build up to the tests and during SATs week itself. As we well know, these results do not define our children and there is so much that they do not tell us about them; this year's residential and production is testament to that!

We would like to thank all of the staff for their commitment to whole school improvement and ensuring they bring the very best out of your children. Special thanks must go to the Year 6 team and also to parents and carers for your continued support.

The appeals process means that the results published in July are described as interim results. In August or September, the provisional results, which show how local authorities have done, are due to be published. This is when the percentage of pupils reaching "greater depth" in each subject is also released. The final, revised results are due to be published in December. These final results also include the progress scores. The performance tables showing how each school has done – and how many are below the floor standards – are published alongside the final results.

This, of course, is not the end but the beginning of our school improvement journey. There is still a lot of work to do in order to improve standards of achievement across the school. We are now in the process of evaluating the impact of our Rapid Improvement Plan and will write to you again in September to share progress and outline priorities for the year ahead. We will also provide a more detailed analysis of results across the school, as we have done in previous years, once they have been finalised. If you and your child will not be with us in September then we will ensure these communications are available via our website should you be interested.

In the meantime, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to come and speak to us. You can also contact governors via email at governors@summerleaschool.co.uk. Please remember, if your query is about your child then their class teacher is always your first point of contact, and after that the Phase Leader.

Wishing you a restful summer break and thank you again for your interest and support.

Yours sincerely

Helen Morris



Mrs Helen Morris (Headteacher) and Mrs Beverley Crowter (Chair of Governors)