



Dear parents and carers.

Once again, we have come to a very rewarding and successful school year.

I'm looking back with particularly fond memories to several events, including the very enjoyable whole school trip to Shoeburyness, which took place just a couple of weeks ago. The trip was evidence of the amazing and special 'Smithy Street spirit'.



I hope you have had the opportunity to see your children's work during the open afternoon on Friday and am certain you can agree with me when I say that children have made amazing progress this year.

All of our end of Key Stage results have never been better. Outcomes in EYFS have risen for the last three years, KS1 results are now set to be just above National Average and KS2 results in particular have blown us away: we achieved around 21% above the National Average. A truly remarkable achievement and effort from all staff and children involved. A full breakdown of our results has been included in this new letter

We wish our Yr 6 leavers a very successful and prosperous future. I know staff have worked tirelessly to make sure the children are 'secondary school ready', both in terms of their emotional well-being and in terms of their academic success. We will be sad to say goodbye to them next week.

The end of the school year is also often the time of the year when we say goodbye to some of our staff. The following staff are sadly leaving us:

Jo, who is our Year 6 teaching assistant and who has been at Smithy Street since 1993. She has truly great knowledge of the many, many families who passed through Smithy Street doors. Jo has been in charge of lunchtimes, and her pastoral care and organisational skills will be hugely missed. Jo will be taking some time out and will be moving home soon.

Siobhan, who has been teaching at Smithy Street since 2000. Siobhan has been Literacy Coordinator and one of our Year 6 teachers for most of these years. She is one of the most skilled and dedicated teachers I have even come across, and it's an understatement to say her expertise will be missed at Smithy Street! Siobhan will be taking up an Assistant Head's position in another Tower Hamlets school from September.

Heather has been with us as a Year 5 teacher for the last 3 years, and started here as a newly qualified teacher. Heather has rapidly shown herself to be a skilled, caring and inclusive teacher. She will be moving to another school in North London, having moved homes a short while ago.

Lucy, although she has only been here for only one year, made a great impact on the school. She was part of the year 6 team who delivered those great Yr 6 results. Lucy will be going travelling next year.

I am very grateful to all of them, and wish to thank them for their dedicated service to the children of Smithy Street school. They will all be missed.

We welcome back from Maternity leave Natasha and Lisa. Both will return part-time and will be providing PPA cover to classes across the school.

There are many challenges in the year ahead, including budget cuts and therefore inevitable staffing cuts. This means that we will not be replacing staff who are leaving us, but instead we have had to make organisation changes. (A class list has been included in this newsletter.) However, we are very lucky to have such a highly skilled and dedicated team of teachers at Smithy Street. With them, we can face anything!

Just this week during assembly the children in Yr 1 to 3 were discussing what a beautiful world we live in, and they were telling me about some of the lovely places they are hoping and planning to visit this summer. I truly hope you will enjoy them together.

I am wishing you and your families a very enjoyable and safe summer holiday.

Thank you for all your support and goodwill,

Edith Philipsen

Headteacher Smithy Street Primary School

Year	Teachers	Year group support teacher	Last year's class	TA support
6	Kim	Alison	Heather	Sam 2.5 days Mon, Tue and Wed am
	Natalie		Kate	Jean 5 days
5	Kate		Emma	Sarah 5 days
	Chris		Jannat	
4	Bradley		Ruji	Nargis 5 days,
	Jannat		Laura	
3	Bruna		Ellie	Nina 5 days
	Laura		Natalie	
2	Ellie		Bradley	Jo 4 days Salema 1 days shared
	Emma		Ruksana	Salema 4 days + 1 day shared
1	Ruji		Abi	Shelley 5 days
	Ruksana		Nadia	Parvin 5 days

## Assessment Overview

### Year 1

		Test Data						
Phonics		2017	2016	Nat 2016	Boys	Girls	PP	Non PP
	Y1	<b>82%</b>	78%	81%	80%	86%	81%	83%
	Y2	<b>88%</b>	92%	91%	89%	86%	68%	97%

### Key Stage 1

		Teacher Assessment Data						
Reading		2017	2016 SS	2016 Nat	Boys	Girls	PP	Non PP
	EXS +	<b>77%</b>	70%	74%	85%	69%	47%	92%
GDS	<b>20%</b>	20%	24%	11%	28%	5%	27%	
Writing		2017	2016 SS	2016 Nat	Boys	Girls	PP	Non PP
	EXS +	<b>79%</b>	70%	65%	85%	72%	53%	92%
GDS	<b>18%</b>	8%	13%	15%	21%	11%	22%	
Maths		2017	2016 SS	2016 Nat	Boys	Girls	PP	Non PP
	EXS+	<b>77%</b>	74%	73%	85%	65%	47%	92%
GDS	<b>18%</b>	17%	19%	18%	17%	11%	21%	
Combined RWM		2017	2016 SS	2016 Nat	Boys	Girls	PP	Non PP
	EXS+	<b>71%</b>	62%	60%	81%	69%	47%	89%
GDS	<b>9%</b>	7%	9%	7%	10%	5%	11%	

### School Uniform



Red jumper with school logo or plain red jumper

Red T-Shirt with school logo or plain red T-Shirt

Grey Trousers/Skirts/Shorts

Red Gingham dress for girls

Black shoes/Black trainers

PE

White T-Shirts

Black shorts

### Reminder

Please be aware any Medication can only be administered to the child once a medical form has been completed and signed by parent or carer. We cannot accept authorisation through email or over the phone.

## Key Stage 2

		Test Data			Teacher Assessment Data						
Reading		2017	2016	Nat 2017/2016	2017	2016	Nat 2016	Boys	Girls	PP	Non PP
		EXS +	86%	69%	71%	84%	87%	-	81%	88%	76%
	GDS	26%	20%	19%	23%	25%	-	26%	19%	10%	36%
GPS		2017	2016	Nat 2017/2016	2017	2016	Nat 2016	Boys	Girls	PP	Non PP
		EXS +	82%	73%	77%	-	-	-	-	-	-
	GDS	35%	20%	23%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Writing		2017	2016	Nat 2017/2016	2017	2016	Nat 2017/2016	Boys	Girls	PP	Non PP
		EXS +	-	-	-	86%	85%	76%	77%	93%	79%
	GDS	-	-	-	19%	15%	15%	8%	29%	17%	21%
Maths		2017	2016	Nat 2017/2016	2017	2016	Nat 2016	Boys	Girls	PP	Non PP
		EXS +	96%	88%	75%	95%	82%	-	100%	88%	93%
	GDS	23%	20%	17%	18%	47%	-	23%	11%	10%	25%
Com- bined RWM		2017	2016	Nat 2017/2016	2017	2016	Nat 2016	Boys	Girls	PP	Non PP
		EXS +	82%	68%	61%	82%	82%	-	77%	88%	72%
	GDS	5%	10%	5%	7%	13%	-	3%	6%	3%	11%
Science		2017	2016	Nat 2017/2016	2017	2016	Nat 2016	Boys	Girls	PP	Non PP
		EXS +	-	-	-	81%	83%	81%	77%	85%	69%

### School Events

<b>Sept</b>	<b>Nursery:</b> w/c 11th Mon : Class meetings with parents w/c 16th Mon : EYFS class meetings with parents Tue 26th: Coffee morning with the Head Teacher 9am-10am
<b>Oct</b>	Thu 5th: P/T Meetings Y1 to yr6 + half INSET day EYFS. <b>School closes at 1pm</b> w/c Mon 19th: Flue Jabs
<b>Nov</b>	Tue 7th: Coffee morning with the Head Teacher 9am-10am Thu 23rd: Parents book look 3.30-4.30 Thu 30th: Film night 3.45-5.30
<b>Dec</b>	Thu 14th: Christmas Fair 3.30-4.30 Tue 19th : Nativity performance KS 1
<b>Feb</b>	Tue 6th: Coffee morning with the Head Teacher 9am-10am Thu 22nd International Language evening 3.45-5.30
<b>Mar</b>	Thu 15th: P/T meetings all year group (with reports for Y1 to Y 6) <b>School closes at 1 pm</b> Thu 22nd: Spring Fair 3.30-4.30
<b>Apr</b>	Tue 24th: Coffee morning with the Head Teacher 9am-10am
<b>Jun</b>	Fri 22nd: Whole school Family trip w/c Mon 25th: SRE Teaching Tue 26th: Coffee morning with the Head Teacher 9am-10am Mon 4th Tues 5th Wed 6th: Nursery closed
<b>Jul</b>	Wed 4th: Yr 1 to 3 sports day- am Fri 6th: Open afternoon with book look – <b>1 pm closure</b> Mon 9th: Yr 4 to 6 sports day Wed 11th: EYFS sports day- am Thu 12th: Yr 6 leavers' party for children and parents 4.30 Thu 19th: Yr 6 Leavers' Show for parents- pm <b>ALL THE ABOVE DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE</b>

### Attendance

Classes with the highest Attendance this entire academic year are:

**Early Years - Rec N 94.8%**

**KS1 & year 3's – Y2N 97%**

**KS2 – Y5K - 97.8%**

All 100% attendees of this year will be rewarded to pizza and drinks for lunch on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July.

Our whole school attendance and punctuality has improved from last year. Well done to everyone who has been attending school regularly and on time!

Remember, every minute matters, everyday counts!!

### Reminder

Child care provision is available for all parents from Reception to Year 6

**£5 per day**

Please contact Office if you are interested.

**Breakfast Club is available, subject to funding.**



## School term and holiday dates

Pupils are required to be in school 190 days.

Schools need to take five inset days **plus** one flexible day for Eid al-Fitr

### Autumn term

<b>Autumn 1</b>	Wednesday, 6 <sup>th</sup> September – Friday, 20 <sup>th</sup> October 2017
<b>Half-term</b>	Monday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> October – Friday, 27 <sup>th</sup> October 2017
<b>Autumn 2</b>	Monday, 30 <sup>th</sup> October – Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December 2017, <b>Break up at 1 pm for Christmas holiday</b>

### Spring term

<b>Spring 1</b>	Wednesday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> January 2018 – Friday, 9 <sup>th</sup> February 2018
<b>Half-term</b>	Monday, 12 <sup>th</sup> February – Friday, 16 <sup>th</sup> February 2018
<b>Spring 2</b>	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February – Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> March 2018- <b>Break up at 1 pm for Easter holiday</b>

### Summer term

<b>Summer 1</b>	Monday, 16 <sup>th</sup> April – Friday, 25 <sup>th</sup> May 2018 <b>School closed for Bank Holiday Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2018</b>
<b>Half-term</b>	Monday, 28 <sup>th</sup> May – Friday, 1 <sup>st</sup> June 2018
<b>Summer 2</b>	Monday, 4 <sup>th</sup> June – Friday, July 20 <sup>th</sup> July 2018- <b>Break up at 1 pm for Summer holiday</b>

### Our five inset days are:

<b>1</b>	Monday, 4 <sup>th</sup> September 2017
<b>2</b>	Tuesday, 5 <sup>th</sup> September 2017
<b>3A</b>	Half day Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> October 2017- <b>1 pm onwards</b> – Parent Teacher meetings
<b>3B</b>	Half day Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> March 2017- <b>1 pm onwards</b> – Parent Teacher meetings
<b>4</b>	Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July 2018 whole day
<b>5</b>	Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> July 2018 whole day

### EID (approximate)

Eid-Al-Adha	Due to fall in the Summer Holidays
Start of Ramadan	Around Wednesday, 16 <sup>th</sup> May 2018
Eid Al-Fitr	Possibly Friday, 15 <sup>th</sup> June 2018 <b>TO BE CONFIRMED</b> (We won't know which day Eid will be until the night before, as this depends of the sighting of the moon.  Parents will be notified by text message.



*I would just like to say thank you to all the families I have worked with over the last 17 years at Smithy Street. It has been an absolute privilege to have taught your children-past and present. I will miss you all greatly but I have some wonderful memories to take with me and I will cherish these for many years to come.-Siobhan*



**Any lost property needs to be collected or it will be disposed or given away to charity.**