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Sandal Castle Primary Governing Body

Summer 1 2019 Newsletter

First of all we would like to say a massive well done to all the children who have been involved in the assessments this term. We are so proud to hear of the hard work they have put into preparing for these and that they have conducted themselves brilliantly with everyone focussing, staying calm and doing their very best.

One of our roles as governors is to monitor what staff in school are doing to ensure children are progressing well in all areas. We have discussed how staff prepare children for the assessments and the interventions they have put in place for the children to improve. We have been particularly impressed to see just how much many of the children have improved their handwriting over the year as well as the daily maths practise helping children to remember and recall basic skills quickly.

As a church school there has also been a big focus on courageous advocacy, with the emphasis on children not just talking about important issues but also being involved in actions that can help make a difference. We have discussed how this is being done in meetings and Sandal Castle children and their families have been amazing in supporting initiatives such as collecting coats for the homeless. As part of this, the articles many of the children have written to produce the Sandal Express newspaper are outstanding, showing just how talented, mature and articulate they are. It really is wonderful to see every individual having the opportunity to celebrate their unique interests and talents.

We would also like you to be aware that we share concerns that many of you have over the school being used by the Local Authority as a polling station which forces the school to close on voting days. The Governing Body are writing to the LA stating these concerns and to request they actively investigate other venues so that education for the children is not disrupted every year.

Thank you as always for your continued support for the school and your children. It is lovely to see those of you who are able to supporting your KS1 children before school with their daily reading, handwriting or maths practise tasks.

We look forward to seeing many of you at the sports days and Summer Fayre too.

Enjoy the half term break!

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