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Dear Parents, Carers and Staff,

At the end of our very busy 150th Anniversary school year we are delighted to share and update you of the many successful outcomes and tremendous achievements our children and staff have made this year; as well as updating you of our ongoing priorities as a school and the work of our governor and senior leadership teams.

Learning Outcomes

From September 2021 the school moved into a period of business as usual with the focus on ensuring our children remained on track with their learning objectives. National SATS tests resumed for summer 2022 and we are extremely pleased to share that the results have been exceptional for our Y6 and Y2 children - coming well above the National Average and Local Authority reported figures in all subjects.

	READING	WRITING	MATHS	RWM Combined
Winwick School KS2 (21 pupils)	86% (29%)	76% (24%)	TBC: marks have not been given as papers have not been accessible from STA (from the two papers we have received 77% are already working at ARE)	TBC: cannot award this until we have received the final Maths data.
KS2 National 2022	74%	69%	71%	59%
KS2 Local Authority 2022	77% (32%)	74% (16%)	78% (26.5%)	66% (9%)
Winwick School KS1 (30 pupils)	77% (30%)	70% (17%)	83% (27%)	57% (20%)
KS1 National 2022	67% (18%)	57% (8%)	67% (15%)	59%
KS1 Local Authority 2022	72% (20%)	62% (8%)	73% (18%)	58% (8%)

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As you will see from the above table we are one of the unfortunate schools nationwide who have been affected this year with missing Y6 SATs results. We are very disappointed our Year 6 children who have worked so hard to achieve great things but we are hoping that the Standards and Testing Agency will find the Mathematic papers and resolve the issue promptly for our children and staff team.

Our Year 1 children have also performed really well and shown off their phonic knowledge in their June tests. For those that did not quite meet the standard, further phonic intervention will take place this term and into the Autumn Term of Year 2.

Year 1 Phonics Data (28 pupils)	82%	National 2022	75.5%	LA 2022	81.7%
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Our Reception children have also performed extremely well and should be proud of their first year at Winwick. It has been wonderful to see them grow, both in learning and socially.

	GLD	Reading	Writing	Maths
School Reception (30 pupils)	73%	83%	80%	86%
National 2022	65%	Literacy: 71.5%		79.8%
Local Authority 2022	69.5%	Literacy: 71.5%		79.8%

Across the rest of the school children's results and learning achievements over the year are firmly on track with every child in school having achieved at least 2 points of progress across combined Reading, Writing and Maths. For the vast majority of children we have seen at least three points progress or more. This is a phenomenal achievement in any academic year but especially in a year post covid. It reflects the hard work and dedication from all involved and shows that the post Covid catch up work which leaders put in place has had a tremendous effect on pupil outcomes: well done to all involved.

Children's attendance in school over the year is at 96.5% (excluding Covid absences) - which is one of the highest in Warrington. Thank you to parents for ensuring children are here with us and ready to learn each and every day.

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Health and Wellbeing

Our continued focus on health and well-being remains of utmost priority and we were very pleased to re-introduce a wide choice of extra-curricular and after school activities from September, all of which have had significant impact on the children.

The offering during the school day has included: swimming lessons (Y5), weekly brass (Y4) and guitar lessons as well as residential and day trips for all year groups: Winmarleigh, Crosby, Conwy, sports week, and attendance at school football and rugby tournaments etc. We've also welcomed visitors into school - the Y5/6 Viking Day, Mad Science and Chemistry with Cabbage as well as Team GB Olympic gymnast Daniel Purvis.

We have also seen the range of after school enrichment clubs extended with Taekwondo, Golf, Cookery, Girls football to name but a few. The offer will further extend into next academic year with external providers such as Mad Science, IT Bots etc. We have also seen our popular breakfast and after school clubs once again providing a vital service for our children and busy working families.

These shared activities have brought everyone together and have had a very positive impact on everyone's mental health and wellbeing. It is clear from the end of year Parent Survey that 99% of you agree and feel your child is happy in school; first and foremost this is our priority.

The wonderful feedback from the events held for the school's 150th Anniversary celebrations in June: the party in school, gala evening and celebratory church service on Sunday 12th June - proved to be a popular and fitting way for everyone to come together, share in the celebrations and a wonderful way to mark the school's remarkable milestone year. Many thanks to everyone who supported these celebratory events!

We are also proud this academic year to have received awards for Inclusion and SEND, Stonewall, Eco Initiatives. We remain a Sports Gold Provider and are also now a Rights Respecting School. Thank you very much to our pupil ambassadors and staff members who have led on these this year.

We are delighted to announce the appointment from September of Mrs Jill Mills who will take on the position of our own dedicated Health and Well-being lead which will provide additional full-time focus on our whole school approach to mental health and well-being. For a school of our size this is a remarkable and positive step and demonstrates our commitment to ensure we fully deliver on our health and well-being policy. We offer Mrs Mills our full congratulations in this new role and look forward to working with her on further positive outcomes for all our children and staff.

Finance and Facilities

A key element for governance is ensuring our budgets are closely managed and that our buildings and facilities provide the best possible learning environment for all.

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At the end of July 2022 the school budget remains in a fairly good position; our prudent management of funds and overheads, boosted by additional income from senior leadership consultancy work supporting other schools, means we remain positive and stable.

Over the coming months we will continue to work on cost reduction of our energy bills looking also at ways to ensure our building is as eco-friendly as possible.

As reported also in our March newsletter, we are very pleased to see that the installation of the school access road safety barrier pre-Christmas continues to work well and the school car park upgrade has also assisted in a safer and more streamlined approach to drop-off and pickup of children.

The funding bid which we submitted to Liverpool Diocese last November for Phase two of our development plans, to re-configure the interior of KS1 classrooms and toilets, was sadly not successful however we will pursue these plans again in Autumn 2022 with an updated application.

We continue to work alongside the Parish Council to consider future options for relocation of the school car park which would give us the much needed increase in our footprint and ability to extend our building and play areas.

Governance

Our end of year summary provides the opportunity to share updates on developments in the staff team as well highlighting the impact and involvement of school governors. From September governors resumed their regular visits into school and have also attended a number of training sessions on the new school curriculum, conducted by the staff member subject leads. Sessions have covered all subject areas including the new EYFS curriculum as well as preparation for pending Ofsted and SIAMs Inspections.

Full governing body meetings with three supporting committee meetings have been held termly in school additionally offering optional remote access to meetings via Ms Teams. Attendance across all 12 main governing body and committee meetings has averaged 84% for our 14 members, including observers Mrs Duckett and Mr Henaghan.

Our end of year impact analysis also shows governors as a group have completed over 187 hours of specific governor training with over 180 collective hours spent in meetings and on governor business.

As previously shared, we were also delighted earlier this year to welcome three new governors; parents Mrs Lyn Smith and Mrs Rebecca Buchanan, as well as our new Foundation Governor Mr Abey Baker. All have completed their induction training over recent months with our own team, the Local Authority and Liverpool Diocese, and are now taking proactive roles. We are also delighted to welcome a new staff Governor to the team in recent weeks, Miss Gill Allen.

We currently have a foundation governor vacancy and are seeking to recruit – we very much welcome enquiries from interested parties.

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This term we were very pleased to see The Governor Award and School Values passport re-introduced for the children in line with achieving our overarching objective of '**Excellence for All; developing the whole child**'. The whole team is so very pleased in how the children embraced taking part in this initiative across all year groups.

We were delighted to present our two very worthy winners: Dylan Morely, Reception and Lucy Smith in Y4 with their special awards. Our commendations and congratulations go to Dylan and Lucy, as well as to all the children who took part and completed their Values passports – they were truly wonderful to read!

Our Staff

As part of our strategy to share management experience and support other schools, I am pleased to confirm that Mrs Dymond will continue to work in her capacity as a Local Authority School's Advisor as well as continuing her role as an Ofsted Inspector. Mrs Duckett has successfully completed the Christian Leadership Course and will continue to support teachers joining the profession through her role as Lead Mentor and QA Tutor with MerseyBorough Initial Teacher Training Provider. Mr Henaghen will continue to provide leadership support and cover in school as part of our Senior Leadership team and will continue with his training for his National Professional Qualification for Headship. Mrs Mather has also begun her National Professional Qualification for Leading Behaviour and Culture. We wish them well on their continued studies and feel very privileged to have such a skilled and committed Leadership Team .

We extend a very warm welcome to new staff team members such as Mrs Spruce who has joined our After School Club team, Mrs Higham who is our new cook, Miss Ovington who is joining us as a teaching assistant across Key Stage 1 and Mrs O'Brien, our newly appointed Business Manager.

Next year we will also be joined by Miss Awde, Sports Coach, who will be working with all K2S classes and delivering after school sporting clubs across school. We look forward to welcoming her in September.

We also say goodbye to the wonderful Mrs Raby who has been with us at Winwick for over 24 years. She began her time with us as a teaching assistant, then trained 'on the job' whilst with us before taking up the position of class teacher. In more recent years she has reduced her time with us to covering classes in the afternoons whilst spending precious time with her grandchildren. We thank her for all she has contributed to Winwick and wish her a happy, healthy and wonderful early retirement.

As the summer term draws to a close, we take this opportunity to share huge thanks to our whole team here at Winwick for all their very hard work and tremendous achievements working with the children this year.

To our class teachers and TA's we thank every member of the team for all hard work and dedication; as well as our Head teacher Mrs Dymond, Deputy Head Mrs Duckett and Assistant Head Mr Henaghen in their exemplary leadership of the school.

We, of course, also couldn't function as a school without our support staff – our breakfast and after school club team, office and finance, kitchen and facilities teams – again all who have played an integral role in the school's success this year.

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Last, but by no means least, we offer our thanks and appreciation to our children and families, as well as our wonderful PTFA led by Sarah Browning - for the exciting program of events and activities and fundraising that has been done this year.

To our children we say a huge congratulations and well done for all their hard work and perseverance and in making very good progress - we also say a huge well done for their exceptional behaviour in school and within the community also.

And finally, to our brilliant children of Year 6 as well of those children and families who leave us for pastures new - we say a fond farewell and a huge Thankyou and well done for the impact you have made during your time with us at Winwick. We will miss you all and send you all our love and sincere best wishes for the future.

On behalf of Mrs Dymond and the school governor team I wish you all a very **Safe and Happy Summer** and look forward to seeing you all, rested and refreshed for an exciting new school term in September 2022.

With our very best wishes to you all,

Jackie Neal

Jackie Neal - Chair of Governors

For and on behalf of Winwick CE School Governor Team

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