

# BIDSTON AVENUE PRIMARY SCHOOL

## 'Achieving Together'

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Dear Parents and Carers,

### **Celebrating Achievements, Embracing Resilience, and Looking Forward to The Happy At School Project (THASP)**

As we approach the end of another extraordinary academic year, I am filled with immense pride and gratitude for the accomplishments and resilience displayed by our entire school community. I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to all parents, carers, pupils, and staff for their unwavering dedication and support throughout the year.

#### **Academic Achievements:**

It brings me great joy to share the outstanding results we have achieved in our key driver of reading, from Early Years to Year 6. Our pupils' enthusiasm for reading and their progress have been truly exceptional, and I congratulate our talented teaching team for nurturing this love for learning.

Our Year 1 and 2 pupils' exceptional performance in the phonics check fills us with immense pride. 100% of our children pass their phonics check by the end of year two. That puts us in the top 1% nationally and is significantly better than most schools in the country. Their mastery of phonics skills is a testament to their hard work and the effective teaching strategies employed by our staff and our reading leader. We celebrate their achievements and the solid foundation they have built for their future literacy development.

Equally deserving of applause are our Year 6, who achieved excellent progress scores in their SATs (maths and English). Their dedication to their studies, supported by the guidance and expertise of our committed teaching team, has resulted in accomplishments that will serve as stepping stones for their future academic endeavours. We are confident that they are well-prepared for the next stage of their educational journey.

#### **Resilience Amid Challenges:**

This year, we faced a significant challenge with the replacement of our school roof and the early years projects. All are projects that demanded patience, resilience, and cooperation from all members of our school community. I want to express my appreciation to the children for their understanding and adaptability during the construction process. Their ability to remain focused and maintain a positive attitude is a true testament to their character and determination. I also extend my gratitude to our dedicated staff and supportive parents for their patience and flexibility during this time. The addition of over 100 solar panels, to support our net zero goal by 2030, is a remarkable step towards sustainability, and it would not have been possible without our collective effort.

#### **Sports and Extracurricular Success:**

The commitment to physical well-being and sportsmanship demonstrated by our pupils has been truly commendable. Our participation in various sports events and activities, such as football at Tranmere Rovers, our sports day at the Bebington Oval, and our success in County Finals for the boccia and new age curling teams, showcases the talent and teamwork of our pupils.

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The excellent choice of after-school sports clubs, including taekwondo, multi-sports, cricket, tennis, boxing, and more, has allowed our pupils to explore and excel in various disciplines. I want to congratulate all the participants and thank our staff for their dedication in supporting these activities.

### **The Happy at School Project (THASP) - A Journey Towards Flourishing:**

Looking ahead to the new academic year, we are thrilled to announce our focus on resilience through The Happy at School Project (THASP). This transformative five-step program will further weave positivity, resilience, growth mindset, and personal responsibility into the very fabric of our school. THASP is a full-on, three-pronged approach that will impact every aspect of our school community, including staff, children, and parents. It is designed to empower our pupils to dream big, embrace limitless possibilities, and thrive in a nurturing and inclusive environment. We believe that by harnessing the happiness advantage, everyone in our school community can be their best selves, both inside and outside of school.

### **Farewell:**

As we bid farewell to our Year 6 pupils, I want to acknowledge their achievements and growth over the years. We have watched them blossom into confident young individuals, ready to embark on new adventures. We are immensely proud of their accomplishments, and we have no doubt that they will continue to shine brightly in the next chapter of their educational journey.

We also say farewell to Miss Jones (Year 5). She has been a great support to our staff team over the last couple of years and we wish her all the best in her new role.

### **September 2023:**

We will welcome you back (Years 1-6) on **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2023 for our bonding week**. One of the most important times of the year. Our new F2 children have individual starting dates to keep to and have received them from the early years team.

In closing, I want to express my deepest gratitude for your ongoing support and partnership throughout this academic year. Our shared achievements and successes are a testament to the strength and unity of our school community. I wish you all a wonderful summer break filled with joy, relaxation, and cherished moments with your loved ones.

Yours sincerely,

**S.G. Brady**  
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