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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back, I do hope you had a good half term. As we are half way through the academic year I thought it would be useful to reflect on the successes of the last 18 months since I joined the team.

As you know, there have been many changes and I thank everybody for the support and loyalty they have shown me.

A good place to start is attainment. Over the last 18 months, the percentage of children working at age expected levels has significantly improved. This is purely down to the hard work of our staff and children and they should be congratulated for this achievement.

The table below shows the percentage of children working at age expected now, compared to September 2018. I hope you will agree this is a significant improvement.

	Current Y2	Current Y3	Current Y4	Current Y5	Current Y6
Reading	Sep 18 – 50% Feb 20 – 78%	Sep 18 – 40% Feb 20 – 81%	Sep 18 – 63% Feb 20 – 88%	Sep 18 – 42% Feb 20 – 81%	Sep 18 – 52% Feb 20 – 70%
Writing	Sep 18 – 45% Feb 20 – 78%	Sep 18 – 24% Feb 20 – 76%	Sep 18 – 39% Feb 20 – 81%	Sep 18 – 32% Feb 20 – 77%	Sep 18 – 34% Feb 20 – 70%
Maths	Sep 18 – 38% Feb 20 – 78%	Sep 18 – 24% Feb 20 – 74%	Sep 18 – 52% Feb 20 – 79%	Sep 18 – 40% Feb 20 – 77%	Sep 18 – 66% Feb 20 – 70%

Another significant improvement is progress. Children are tested termly and their progress is measured. Expected progress is 7 steps from September 18 to now,

	Whole School Progress
Reading	9.01
Writing	8.65
Maths	8.43

In addition to this we have introduced a new curriculum this year in every subject as well as White Rose Maths, Active Reading, Read, Write Inc and Philosophy for Children. This has secured an improved Quality of Education and improved pupil engagement.

Every child In KS1 and Early Years read daily to an adult and this has resulted in improved phonics results across the school. Thank you to all the parents who hear the child read every night at home – this is important.

We also successfully completed the Primary Quality Mark this term and the inspector noted that ***'Pupils make strong progress in RWM. The proportion of pupils working at expected standards has doubled in the past 12 months.'***

High expectations of all pupils; all pupils to make at least expected progress. The gap between pupil premium children and non-pupil premium has closed. New SLT in place September 2019. New team promotes strong values and demonstrates high quality in terms of educational development. Middle leaders receive weekly coaching and support from SLT. Quality of Education has improved significantly because all weak teaching has been addressed.'

Behaviour is another area of improvement at Kings Avenue. Across the school, behaviour is good and low level disruption is rare. Exclusions have reduced from 80 days academic year 17-18, to 2 this year. This is because teaching has improved, pupil attitudes have improved and engagement is high. We have introduced student leadership including peer readers, digital leaders, school council, prefects and playground leaders. The impact of this is active role models around the school helping children learn and make good choices. Events of bullying are also lower now than before. Academic Year 17-18 there were 12 events; this year none. The new staffing structure this year has allowed us to introduce an inclusion team including two behaviour / ASD specialists, a councillor, a speech and language lead and Mrs McDonald who all work tirelessly to support children with additional needs.

KASA have been an incredible support to the school and me. They are amazing and give up their time to raise money for the school and organise events for the children. Last year they raised £5000 which was spent on forest school. This year they have organised weekly tea parties, a cinema night, the disco, regular cake sales and more. They are currently with Mr. Ritchie on an Easter event, which I hope you will all attend.

We are also lucky enough to be working with the Thomas Foundation who has invited Kings Avenue to take part in a number of exciting activities. The first being, the Reader's Cup. 9 children from Y6 were involved in a reading competition and came 2nd. Y3 had an afternoon exploring the woodland of Wimbledon Common. They loved the opportunity to complete team-building tasks outdoors. Drama sessions has been delivered to classes across the school and the lunchtime dance club has thrilled us with their performances. One child has been chosen to join the pathway program and he has regular visits to the Thomas Foundation to enhance his learning.

As you can see, Kings Avenue has a lot to be proud of. Thank you all for your support and I look forward to working with you all to continue our journey,

Kind regards

Miss R Mollett
Head Teacher