Dear Parents and Carers,

What a fantastic end to the year we have had – the Year 6 production was full of standout performances, great songs and dubious jokes which left all the children, staff and parents smiling and feeling proud.

Not only are we proud of how they performed on stage but our end of Key Stage Two results this year are our best ever set of results. This is a testament to the hard work from the children, parents and staff throughout their time at the school. A summary of our Key Stage Two results is below, we are not settling here though and this set of results puts us in a great position to push on. These results are provisional and not officially published until September in schools and December more widely.

| **Key Stage 2**  **2018** | **Percentage of pupils achieving the expected standard: school** | **Percentage of pupils achieving the expected standard: nationally** | **Average scaled score: school** | **Average scaled score: nationally** |
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| Reading/Writing/Maths  combined | 63% | 64% | N/A | N/A |
| English reading | 77% | 75% | 105 | 105 |
| English grammar, punctuation and spelling | 83% | 78% | 106 | 106 |
| Mathematics | 73% | 76% | 105 | 104 |
| English writing (teacher assessment) | 77% | 78% | N/A | N/A |
| Science (teacher assessment) | 80% | 82%  (2017 data) | N/A | N/A |

I am aware that communication can sometimes be a difficult issue and we have tried hard to maximise the coverage via the APP and also letters in order to make sure messages and key information has been distributed to all stakeholders. As Headteacher I attend the Parish Council meetings in order to keep informed of local village issues as well as reporting on school developments and achievements such as sporting success and events like the Tour De Yorkshire visit by Sir Gary Verity and Christian Prudhomme. In September I will be issuing a parental questionnaire and I would welcome feedback about what we are doing well and what we could do better. This will inform our decision making and we will respond to the points made after the information has been gathered.

Thank you also for the comments you have returned on the report slips, these are really appreciated and overwhelmingly positive and supportive of the school. Some things you have said are:

‘…you have had a positive impact on his life…’

‘Thank you to all the staff at the school, it is a lovely place’

‘We are so pleased with the progress made this year… and the care and support is incredible’

Our doors are always open, metaphorically, for you to come and speak to the class teachers during the year and I know many of you have taken the opportunity to share both positives and concerns through the year leading to improved and positive outcomes for the children. It is wonderful to have such a supportive community and by working together we are really making Oxenhope the place to be!

On that note our Chair of Governors, Mr Anthony Blackwell, has again set dates for termly drop is sessions. These allow parents to literally drop in and discuss any areas of interest. The first such session will be Thursday 20th September between 08:30 – 10:00.

I wish to thank all the staff, children, parents, governors and BDAT for the support and generosity of spirit on display in school day in day out. Without us all working together it really wouldn’t be the special place it is as a school. Visitors often comment on being able to feel a difference when walking around the school and this is something we are very proud of.

I wish you all a happy and peaceful Summer.

Mr Parkin

Headteacher