

Dear Readers,

The last half term of the year saw all our pupils taking tests – years 3, 4 & 5 took optional SATs and year 6 their National SATs. The children’s attitudes during the test period were extraordinarily good. They all showed confidence and perseverance.

In year 6, over three quarters of the pupils volunteered to attend two extra lessons a week after school. We had full attendance for every test and every pupil showed real determination to do their best. The teachers and I were so proud of them and, most importantly, they were proud of themselves!

For a number of reasons I’d like to say thank you for the support of parents and carers. As I stand at the children’s entrance in the morning it has been a pleasure to look at the new waiting area that Mrs Pratley and some of you have created-it’s great. Secondly, it’s obvious that many of you have been helping children learn their times-tables; these have improved greatly across the whole school. We are also delighted with the number of children who are reading regularly at home and thank you to those parents who complete those Yellow Reading Records. It makes all the difference to the teacher. Lastly it has been real pleasure to see the amount of high quality “own work” that has been brought to school recently. Much of it has been a joint effort of children and a variety of family members.

We are all looking forward to some big events in the coming months - Sports Day, GFJS Dance Festival, Enterprise and Aspire weeks, the Madejski Award Ceremony; and day visits to Englefield, Ufton Court, Silchester and Reading University to name but a few.

Finally we will be working hard to make sure that year 6 pupils are fully prepared for the next stage of their education. We are always extremely proud of our year 6 when they leave us and I am certain that this year will be no exception.

Yours sincerely,

Charlie Clare