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A Successful Year!



Dear Families,

As we approach the end of another academic year, I thought I would reach out to say, "thank you!"

Thank you for everything you have done to support your child and the school this year. Every little bit makes a difference. Together with our talented teaching teams, we are making Thakeham a success for the benefit of the children.

In my very first letter to you all in April 2022, I made the following promise:





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'Thakeham will continue to deliver, as it always has done, an exceptional education to your children. It will remain a happy and nurturing school.'

Although obviously bias, I do think we have kept this promise to you. Here are some reasons why:

1] For the first time, Thakeham will not only be completely full but over-capacity in September. This is a fantastic consequence of our growing reputation. It is nice to see people coming from afar to ask if their child can join our school because they had heard it was good.

2] We achieved another 'Good' Ofsted rating.

3] For the first time in a long while, our outcomes for pupils are not only above the National Average but massively above the National Average. Looking at the data, we will be one of the best performing state-maintained primary schools in both West Sussex and England. The table below explains the data a little more.

Assessment	School %	West Sussex %	National %
EYFS GLD This is the 'Good Level of Development' pupils must get at the end of Reception Year.	80% (our result is 12% above the National Average)	67%	68%





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Phonics Screen This is the assessment of phonics ability pupils sit in Year 1.	93% (our result is 13% above the National Average)	79%	80%
Year 6 SATS Grammar Reading Maths Science Writing	100% 90% 90% 90% 70% Compared to the National Averages: Grammar is +28% Reading is +16% Maths is +17% Science is +10% Writing is in line	- - - - -	72% 74% 73% 80% 72%

4] Our building programme is almost complete. The first week of October, the new Excess Hall will open and give us access to: a new spare classroom, a new admin block and a second hall/conference suite/intervention space.

5] In our most recent parent survey, 100% of families said they would recommend the school to someone else. Our most recent pupil survey had 100% of the children saying they felt safe in the school.

So, I hope you can feel reassured and happy knowing that your child is attending a school that is





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over-subscribed, Ofsted 'Good', one of the best performing schools in England, blessed with fab facilities and filled with happy and successful children.

Thank you for your continued support throughout the year. We look forward to more successes in the future.

Have a wonderful summer break. Be kind. Be safe.

Best wishes,

Will McDonald
Headteacher

