

# King Offa Primary Academy Newsletter ~ July 2016

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to the final newsletter of what has been another very busy and successful academic year for King Offa.

In this newsletter you will find lots of information about our successes this school year and all you need to know about the year ahead.

On Page 2 you will see the outcomes of the tests and assessments that children have taken this year and, where possible, how King Offa compares to schools nationally. The Department for Education has made some very large changes to the way children are assessed this year but I'm delighted to say that, once again, King Offa has outperformed the national averages in the majority of measures. This is as a result of the hard work and excellent teaching that our staff deliver every day, the huge amount of support we receive from parents and of course our amazing and hardworking children. Thank you and well done to all of you.

At the end of every academic year there are inevitably changes to staffing and this year we are saying 'Goodbye' to Mr Cutting who has

been caretaker here at King Offa for the last 16 years. Since I took over as Headteacher at King Offa, and for many years before, Mr Cutting has worked tirelessly to help maintain and improve the building and grounds for the children. He has certainly earned his retirement and I would like to wish him the very best in the future and many thanks for all his hard work. As you will see from the staffing structure on Page 3 we are also looking forward to welcoming two new teachers to the staff team. Miss Gosling will be joining us in Year Three and Mr Hill in Year Four. They will be excellent additions to the staff team and we look forward to them joining us.

I have no doubt that next year will be equally successful for the children at King Offa and the whole school community. In our next newsletter, in September, we will share with you our plans for the year and how we can work together to achieve them.

Enjoy the holidays!

James Freeston - *Headteacher*



A huge thank you to all the volunteers who have helped support the children's learning this year at King Offa. Without your support we wouldn't be able to offer so many exciting opportunities to the children and provide some of the individual support with reading that is so helpful. Many thanks!



Our 'Sponsored Splash' was a great success and raised a brilliant £695.50.

Thank you very much to everyone who helped raise money and contributed to keeping the pool running.



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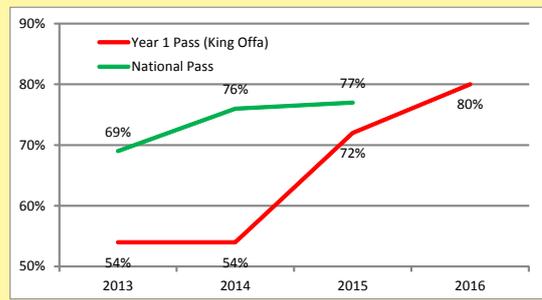
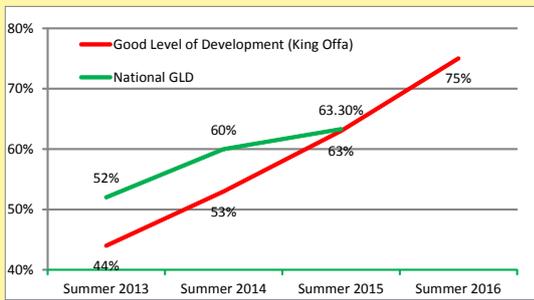
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## 2015 - 2016 Outcomes

Throughout their time at school pupils are assessed against statutory assessments that are decided upon by the Department for Education and the Standards and Testing Agency. Some of these assessments involve pupils taking tests and others rely on teachers making judgements against nationally agreed criteria.

This year the government has changed the way pupils are assessed and we no longer use what was called 'levels'. Pupils have also been following a more challenging curriculum since changes to the National Curriculum in 2014. This is the first year that pupils have been assessed in this new way against the new curriculum. It means that the tests have been harder than previously and that it is not possible to compare them to previous years.

Below are the results of the statutory assessments that we have completed this year. Where the government has published National data you can see how King Offa has performed against it. You will see that in the vast majority of areas King Offa has outperformed the national averages. We are very proud of our results and the hard work of all our children and staff.



### Good Level of Development

At the end of the Early Years Foundation Stage teachers make judgements against the Early Learning Goals and determine if a pupil has reached a 'Good Level of Development'. This measure has not changed this year so we are able to compare our performance over the last three years.

### Year Two SAT's

Although the name hasn't changed the way these tests are reported has. This means that we can't compare the results to previous years. There is currently no National data available to compare ourselves with but we can judge ourselves against the targets we set at the beginning of the year.

	% reaching the expected level			
	Reading	Writing	Maths	R+W+M
<b>Target</b>	72%	70%	70%	70%
<b>2016 Results</b>	<b>74%</b>	<b>70%</b>	<b>77%</b>	<b>66%</b>

	% reaching the expected level				
	Reading	Writing	Maths	Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling	R+W+M
<b>2016 Results</b>	<b>64%</b>	<b>69%</b>	<b>82%</b>	<b>59%</b>	<b>56%</b>
<b>National Results</b>	66%	74%	70%	72%	53%

### Year Six SAT's

The biggest changes have been with the Year Six SAT's and the new 'expected level' has proved to be very challenging for all schools. This year only 53% of children nationally achieved the expected level in reading, writing and maths. At King Offa, 56% of children did so meaning that we outperformed the majority of schools nationally. Our results in maths are once again extremely high and we are delighted with the result. In reading and writing we are broadly in line with national averages and this will be an area of focus for us next year.

## 2016 – 2017 Staff Structure

### Leadership Team

**Mr Freeston - Headteacher**

**Mr Laker - Deputy Headteacher**

**Mrs Speed**  
Early Years  
Foundation Stage  
Leader

**Miss Winchester**  
Key Stage One  
Leader

**Miss Bishop**  
Special  
Educational Needs  
Coordinator

**Miss Suggitt**  
Lower Key Stage  
Two Leader

**Mrs Meader**  
Upper Key Stage  
Two Leader

### Class Teachers

**Red Class – Foundation Stage**  
Mrs Speed

**Blue Class – Foundation Stage**  
Miss Hedges

**Purple Class – Year 1**  
Miss Dowling

**Orange Class – Year 1**  
Miss Cole

**Turquoise Class – Year 1**  
Miss Frame

**Green Class – Year 2**  
Miss Winchester

**Yellow Class – Year 2**  
Mrs Barbary

**Swallows – Year 3**  
Miss Suggitt

**Magpies – Year 3**  
Miss Gosling

**Ravens – Year 4**  
Miss Langton

**Kestrels – Year 4**  
Mr Hill

**Falcons – Year 5**  
Miss Andrews

**Eagles – Year 6**  
Mrs Meader

**Hawks – Year 6**  
Mrs Osman

### Support Staff

**Finance Manager**  
Miss J Harrison

**Secretary/Admissions Officer**  
Mrs S Courtnell

**Attendance Officer/Clerical  
Assistant**  
Miss L Smith

**Site Manager**  
Mr R Weller

**Assistant Site Manager**  
Mr B Costen





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**'Facebook King Offa Primary Academy'.**



## KEY DATES 2016 - 2017

### September

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup>** Children in Years 1 to 6 return to school

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup>** New Reception children start full time

### Term Dates 2016 - 2017

**Term 1** Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September - Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October

**Term 2** Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October - Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December

**Term 3** Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January - Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February

**Term 4** Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February - Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March

**Term 5** Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April - Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May

**Term 6** Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June - Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July

### INSET Days 2016 - 2017

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September

Thursday & Friday 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> November

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> & Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July

### New Phone Number? Moved house?

*If you have changed any of your contact details recently please complete the form below and return to the office. Thank you.*

Child's name and class: .....

Address: .....

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Phone ..... Email: .....

Mobile: .....