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Parents are welcome to contact any Governor directly but please note we encourage you to direct questions or queries you may have relating to the day to day running of the school, in the first instance, to the Headteacher.

Year 6 KS2 results for last year

The Governors were so pleased to receive the KS2 SATs results earlier this month for those children who were in our Year 6 class last year. The results put the school right *back at the top in terms of achievement*, where we all expect it to be.

Should we care about the results?

We all know that both the sitting of tests and how the test results are used can be controversial. Some of you are of the opinion they are irrelevant. Some of you worry about the pressure it puts on your child. Well, the school has to participate in these tests and we need to publish the results. We have no choice.

So we have to care about the results. They are one way (but not the ONLY way) of letting you know how well your school and the children it nurtures are doing. They are also one measure used by prospective parents when choosing to send children to a particular school.

We want and need to be at the top of these achievement tables.

Rejoice – we're back at the top

And as it's the season of being merry let's rejoice in these great results. Guilsborough CEVA Primary School is, and always was, way above the National Average. With the bright kids we have at our school this is a given.

What is particularly exciting is that we are once again above the results of the surrounding village schools. They have a similar intake and are a much more realistic group for us to be measuring ourselves against.

We are very proud

We know and you know that these results are only part of the story. As governors we have many projects we will be discussing with you over the coming months to build on the school's recent good performance. However, we think it is important to take this moment to say thank you and well done to pupils, teachers, support staff and parents, who have ALL contributed to these results.

Wishing a very happy Christmas to all of you.



Simon King (Chairman of Governors)

17th in the county !!

Key Stage 2 Results in 2006/2007 for.....	School Size	Number Sitting Exam	Eng Level 4+	Eng Level 5	Maths Level 4+	Maths Level 5	Science Level 4+	Science Level 5	Ave Point Score	CVA
Guilsborough	152	24	92	54	92	50	100	75	30.1	100.6
West Haddon	164	24	88	46	88	50	92	58	29.3	100.6
Great Creaton	76	18	83	28	94	22	100	61	28.9	99.8
Welford	121	14	86	36	71	36	86	50	28.0	99.8
Spratton	96	15	87	67	87	27	87	33	28.7	99.5
Crick	177	18	83	29	71	37	89	51	28.0	99.3
Long Buckby	171	35	83	29	71	37	89	51	28.0	99.3
Brixworth	479	71	89	21	80	30	90	35	27.8	99.1
LA Average			80	31	77	30	88	46	27.8	
National Average			80	34	77	32	88	46	27.9	

On the basis of **Average Point Score**, pupils last year achieved a result which put us 17th best primary school of over 200 in the county.



PARENTS - if you want any explanation of the above table and what it means, please feel free to contact the school or a Governor.

Note: East Haddon, Maidwell, Naseby and Yelvertoft all had cohort sizes too small to measure results accurately by the league tables and therefore do not appear in the above list.



Curriculum & Standards Committee

In this section of the newsletter we shall tell you a little about each of the sub-committees the Governing Body operates. In this edition it is the turn of the Curriculum & Standards committee.

Curriculum and Standards Committee

This sub-committee has responsibility for setting achievement targets for the school as a whole, setting a framework of priorities for improvement of the curriculum and for monitoring progress towards goals. Its main focus is to ensure ALL CHILDREN have the opportunity to achieve their real potential and to strive for excellence in all they do. More specifically it has set priorities for next year which include:

- Carrying out Government directives to identify and develop children considered "Gifted and Talented" (we will give you more info on this in due course).

- To ensure school systems of pupil monitoring are used effectively to track all pupils' progress during the year and to make sure EVERY child is given the support they need.
- To promote parental involvement in their child's education e.g. curriculum evenings to show you the way we teach subjects in school, homework etc.

Committee members are drawn from Governors and school curriculum co-ordinators who have an interest in balancing the school's need to strive for high achievement with its need to provide a nurturing environment in which all can achieve their potential.

If you want to know more, just ask one of the committee members.



School Improvement

Committee Members – Simon King, Tony Henretty, Ann Berry, Andy Cheal

Policies Review

Committee Members – Simon King, Sarah Herring, Tony Henretty

Curriculum and Standards

Committee Members – Simon King, Ann Berry, Sarah Herring, Claire Palmer, Linda Moyes, Tony Henretty [teachers representing KS1 & KS2 will be invited to also attend]

Finance and Property/Resources

Committee Members – Simon King, Ann Berry, Tony Henretty, Alison Grasby (co-opted bursar)

School Building Plans

Renovations to KS2 cloakrooms

Pupils, parents and Staff have all provided recent feedback on the state of the cloakrooms/toilets used by classes 4, 5 and 6. The good news is that we have now got building quotes in and it is planned that work on the toilets and cloakroom area will start during the Easter break. This will be a major improvement to the section of the school used by our older pupils and is long overdue!



New library

As part of our drive to improve our literacy provision, the school has also got quotes on internal building work and furniture and fittings to establish a modern school library. Due to the potential for disruption, this work will be undertaken during next summer's break. You will be hearing a lot more about this in due course as we seek to get parental involvement in this project.



Website Reminder:
www.guilsboroughprimary.co.uk

Governors' fundraising



Sales for the calendar have gone extremely well and we have made a profit of just over £300. This money will go towards releasing government grant so that we can begin the renovation work on the cloak rooms for classes 4, 5 & 6 and our proposed new library.

We would like to thank all the parents,

grandparents and teaching staff who bought this years School Calendar. Thank you also goes to everyone who took part in the photographs and especially Dan and Dave the photographers.

The next fundraising project will hopefully be in summer, but if anyone has any other ideas to raise money, please pass them on to Janine Hughes on
 governors@guilsborougprimary.co.uk

Governor's Meeting Dates for 2007-2008

- January 16th 2008
- March 12th 2008
- May 14th 2008
- July 16th 2008

