



Some of our successes this year ...

Dear Parents / Carers,

We've had a really exciting and productive year again at Fosse – here are just a few of our successes. Standards have risen across the school:

- The proportion of children reaching a good level of development has risen by 16% in Foundation 2
- Phonics scores in Y1 are now above national scores with 84% meeting the expected standard.
- Reading and writing scores in Key Stage 1 have continued to rise, by 10% and 8% respectively.
- The proportion of children reading at 'greater depth' in Year 6 has nearly doubled.
- Across the school, we continue to see children making brilliant progress. Of course this progress is usually clearest with those children who are supported best at home.

Attendance, one of our Ofsted targets, has improved considerably. There is still a way to go but we are really pleased to have moved above 95% attendance again. We will continue to issue fines when we have just cause because poor attendance is simply not acceptable.

The school council have had a really successful year, helping the school be awarded the Less CO2 award for reducing our energy usage, saving the school money and making the planet. Special thanks to Mrs Blackburn for organising the link with Leicester City Council, to Mr Variava for supporting the school council but, most of all, to our school councillors who have spent their own time helping the school to reduce and recycle. It was a brilliant effort from everyone!

Children have taken part in some great activities with visiting performances, trips out as far as London and North Wales and artists of all kinds working in our classes, with the highlight being 5V winning a 'Powerful Words' Poetry Champions trophy.

I would like to wish all our parents a pleasant summer break and look forward to seeing everyone again on Thursday August 30th.

Best Wishes,
Richard Stone, Headteacher

Waterside Primary

Lots of work is continuing behind the scenes with architects, builders and Leicester City Council. We've been working closely together to amend plans to create the very best learning environment – inside and outside – that we can. I will be able to share the final designs with you after the holidays.

School councillors from Fosse and Slater have met twice, sharing their views of the new school. Please rest assured that we are listening carefully to the children to make sure that the transition to the new school is smooth as possible for everyone. Children will be involved in helping to shape the design once we move further through the process; they will be involved in picking colours of walls and floors as well as testing different tables and chairs.

We are also very happy to hear the views of parents. We know the new school will eventually be very large but it will take some time to get there. I can confirm that we will open with three classes in every year group except F2 which will have four classes. This will make the transition much easier as we will have plenty of extra space in the new school. We will continue to keep you updated throughout next year.

A small change please put your mobile in your pocket at school

From the start of next term, we would like to ask all parents and carers to put mobile phones away when picking children up from school. Children across the country have said that they dislike the amount of time adults spend on mobile phones; children need to be able to share what they have learned during the day. Please make sure that you give your child the attention they deserve when you pick them up – ask them questions, listen to them, find out about their day and tell them about yours. The most successful children are those who have plenty of time to talk – they learn better, make better relationships and are happier!