



## Inspire Federation Newsletter

July 2019

*The Inspire Federation will be one of opportunity for all within an environment of inclusiveness, respect and compassion.*

*Pupils, parents, staff and governors will be supported in developing and nurturing new skills that enable individuals to grow. Collaboration will empower us to offer the very best experiences that allow all those within it to thrive and fulfil aspirations. Through strong partnerships, we will embrace new ideas together, finding innovative ways to create an environment that endorses the very best learning so we all reach our full potential.*

Dear Parents and Carers

We have reached the end of the year and I am sure all the staff and children are ready for a well earned rest and you are looking forward to having your children at home for the summer.

I would like to wish all the Year 6 children all the best for their new adventures at secondary school; I look forward to seeing the rest of the children in September.

Mrs Mitchell

### Federation Staff

One of the aims of the federation was to create consistency between the schools, therefore the Governing Body of the Inspire Federation and I took the decision to create a new leadership post to help us achieve this within the school offices. Currently there is a lot of duplication of work and this new post would help streamline systems. I am delighted to say that Mrs Wade, who currently works as Office Manager at Four Elms has been appointed as 'Administrations Manager' for the Inspire Federation. She will be working across the two schools, looking to improve systems and procedures. Four Elms are in the process of appointing a full time secretary to run the office on a day to day basis. Four Elms parents, please do not worry, you will still be seeing Mrs Wade – she is very much still part of the Four Elms community; however, she is looking forward to her new challenge. I am sure you will all join me in congratulating Mrs Wade in her promotion.

Seal families, please join me in welcoming Mrs Wade into the Seal community, I am sure you will make her feel very welcome.

As you have been made aware from your school newsletters, there has been some movement of staff across the Federation. Leadership opportunities have been created which enables us to retain the very best teachers within our Federation. Congratulations to Miss Fermor who will be starting as Assistant Headteacher at Four Elms; I know she has already begun building relationships with the staff and pupils.

This term we welcomed Mr Kilby, the Federation Site Manager; he has made a great start and we are looking forward to long partnership.

## Key Stage Results

I am delighted to be able to share this year's Phonic Screening, Early Years Foundation Stage and SATs results with you. These assessments are extremely important and give you an indication regarding the standard of teaching and learning within the schools.

In the Early Years Foundation Stage, children are judged on their 'Good level of Development', which is a measure of attainment at the end of the EYFS against the Early Learning Goals in the areas of: personal, social and emotional development, physical development, communication and language, literacy and mathematics.

Year 1 pupils take part in a phonic screening test at the end of Year 1, those that do not pass are retested at the end of Year 2. All children in Year 2 and 6 take part in these assessments (unless deemed by the school to be working well below age appropriate levels) and the results are used to assess the children's progress throughout their time at primary school and to compare the school's performance against other schools both locally and nationally. The children are assessed in English (reading, writing, spelling, grammar and punctuation) and Mathematics.

Three years ago there was a dramatic change both to the assessments themselves and the way we report the results to you. As I'm sure you are aware, a new primary curriculum was introduced in 2014 and the tests are now based on a newer, much higher standard.

### Early Years Foundation Stage

School	% Achieved GLD	2018 National % GLD
Seal	88%	71.5%
Four Elms	88%	

### Phonics Screening Year 1

School	% Achieved National Pass Mark	2018 National % GLD
Seal	86%	82%
Four Elms	94%	

### Year 2 Phonic Retakes

School	% Achieved National Pass Mark
Seal	83%
Four Elms	100%

### Key Stage 1 SATs Results – Attainment at Expected Standard or Above

School	Reading	Writing	Maths
Seal	79%	82%	79%
Four Elms	81%	81%	75%

### Key Stage 1 SATs Results – Attainment at Greater Depth

School	Reading	Writing	Maths
Seal	20%	20%	21%
Four Elms	25%	25%	19%

**Key Stage 2 SATs Results – Attainment at Expected Standard or Above**

School	Reading	Writing	GPS	Maths	R,W,M Combined
Seal	85%	90%	85%	87%	81%
Four Elms	82%	94%	94%	88%	76%

**Key Stage 2 SATs Results – Attainment at Greater Depth**

School	Reading	Writing	GPS	Maths	R,W,M Combined
Seal	25%	27%	38%	35%	21%
Four Elms	35%	18%	29%	24%	6%

I would like to say well done to all the pupils for their successes over the year and thank you to all the teachers and support staff for their hard work.

Thank you for your continued support

Mrs Mitchell

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**Comments slip**

**Name:**

**Date:**