

18<sup>th</sup> December 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

Where has 2018 gone?

It has definitely been a busy year with much to celebrate and a lot of **PRIDE** on display. The school continues to go from strength to strength. Our pupil numbers are on the rise and last week, the Government released the school's comparison data and we were extremely proud to say that our progress and attainment rates have improved again. This is a significant achievement and is part of our continued journey of school improvement.

If you wish to take the time to look at the Government School Performance comparison site, please follow the link [www.compare-school-performance.service.gov.uk/](http://www.compare-school-performance.service.gov.uk/)

Our school is all about our children. We recognise each child as an individual, and aim to meet their individual needs on a personal, social and academic level. We are extremely proud of making sure that this is a priority to ensure our children are given the opportunities to **DREAM** of a bright future, **BELIEVE** in themselves, and **ACHIEVE** their highest potential in school.

Our children make this school an exciting and amazing place to be and with our fantastic staff, who work tirelessly to improve the outcomes and opportunities for our children, we are well on the way to even greater things in 2019!

In 2019, we will be welcoming back Mrs Sproson, who will be teaching in Owls' Class as Mrs Ash begins her maternity leave. I am sure you will join us in suggesting to Mrs Ash that she rests up and enjoys every moment of her leave. On the baby front, I am also delighted to tell you that Miss Harris and her partner welcomed a beautiful baby girl, Daisy, into the world last weekend. Huge congratulations go to them from all of our school community and we cannot wait to meet her.

That leaves me to say thank you to everyone in our school community for everything you do to make 'Newton Road Rock', enjoy a well-deserved rest over the Christmas season and see you all on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2019 when school re-opens to pupils.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Miss Kerry Mills