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Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to provide you with an update as we approach the end of the school year, as well as to celebrate and communicate some specific successes. I am extremely proud of the many achievements of our pupils across the school this academic year.

Pupils:

The school football team has won match after match throughout the football season. This has been an incredible achievement for all involved.

I would also like to take this opportunity to highlight our successes in Mathematics this year. Maths is a core subject and the pupils' achievements are constantly celebrated within school, however this year we were chosen to take a group of Year 5 pupils to an event hosted by Stockport Grammar School. Our pupils competed against other Primary and Grammar schools from across the North West and we are delighted to say we came second out of twelve schools who took part.

We have continued to enjoy our links with the BBC this term. We were lucky enough to be invited to take part in a film critique for Blue Peter. Many of you, I am sure will have seen this aired; what a fantastic opportunity for our pupils.

In our end of term newsletter, you will be able to read about many further events that celebrate our holistic curriculum here at Vernon.

Recruitment and Staffing:

As you know, we are delighted to be welcoming four new teachers to Vernon in September. Recruitment rounds this summer term have been extremely successful. We are in the fortunate position as a school that we have a budget that allows us to employ the very best candidate for the job. Our new teachers will be strengthening our team with their high quality teaching skills. They have played an active role in getting to know the school this term by attending school events, staff training and class swap day. Miss Bird trained within our school so is already familiar with our rhythms and routines.

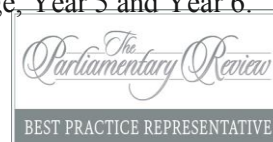
I always think very carefully about the skills of our teachers across the school to ensure the strongest staffing structure possible each academic year. I am very excited about September and the outstanding teachers in place throughout each key stage and year group. This year our skilled Teaching Assistants have continued to lead bespoke intervention programmes planned by the class teachers to further enhance individual pupil progress across the core subjects.

Staff Development:

We are proud of the extensive training opportunities we provide our teaching staff, both through internal mentoring and coaching, as well as external development programmes. Despite the changes to our staffing team, standards remain high across the school and I believe this is due to the development we offer our staff as well as our rigorous recruitment procedures. These high standards continue to be verified by our external SIP (School Improvement Officer), who has again this year worked closely with us to moderate teaching and learning throughout the school, with a particular focus on the Foundation Stage, Year 5 and Year 6.



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Writing Moderation:

As part of my ongoing commitment to investing in our teacher's continuing professional development, we have worked closely this year with external consultants to develop our writing assessment expertise in every Key Stage. Teachers have taken part in workshops and training sessions throughout the academic year, liaising with professionals from other schools and settings to develop and refine their repertoire for teaching and assessing writing. We have been moderated across the school for writing and I am delighted that our judgements have been validated.

We were also chosen for Cheshire East's external moderation and not only were our teacher's judgements again confirmed as accurate, but we were commended for our high expectations, rich curriculum, detailed assessment procedures and use of writing evidence to ensure children's achievements are celebrated. The external advisors also noted that the children at Vernon are taught extremely well throughout their school journey; I believe that it is this consistency and the high level of communication that takes place within school, that ensures we maintain outstanding teaching and learning at Vernon. Our Key Stage 2 SAT's results reflect the children's hard work and commitment to learning.

Year 6 SATs Results

Academic Year: 2018 /2019

	Percentage of Pupils who achieved expected standard or above		
	School 2019	National 2019	Cheshire East 2019
Reading	82%	73%	77%
Writing	87%	78%	79%
EGPS(English Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling)	82%	78%	81%
Mathematics	91%	79%	80%
Reading, Writing & Mathematics	78%	65%	66%

Please note that the National and Cheshire East data in the table above (Expected standard and above) reflect current figures for summer 2019. However, in the table below (Greater Depth standard – GDS), the National data is not released until November.

Vernon's Greater Depth (above the level expected of a Year 6 pupil) results:

	Percentage of Pupils who achieved Greater Depth	
	School 2019	National 2018
Reading	36%	28%
Writing	24%	20%
Mathematics	40%	24%
Reading, Writing & Mathematics	16%	10%

All members of staff, the Senior Leadership Team and our highly-skilled and extremely supportive Governing Body, continue to be committed and work tirelessly to ensure that Vernon remains an outstanding primary school. This would not be possible without you as Parents and Carers. Your incredible support, feedback and your commitment to the school is always appreciated. Thank you.

I hope you have a wonderful summer and I look forward to everything the new school year brings in September.
Yours faithfully,

Mrs J Carvell
Headteacher



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