



THE MARTON ACADEMY

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Dear Parents and Carers,

School Improvement Letter - January 2018

Happy New Year and I hope this letter finds you rested after the Christmas holiday. It was great to see so many of you at the Christmas Nativity plays and the music concert. The last few weeks of Autumn term were filled with super performances, creativity and acts of kindness towards others – particularly the contributions that children made to the Nomad Trust and animals in need at Isle Rescue.



I hope that you have received the 2018/19 term dates and a list of planned events in school this term. If you missed these, see the school website for the term dates and events.

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During the Autumn Term we achieved the following:

- End of primary results in summary:
Our pupils' results were published in December placing us 7th out of 319 Lincolnshire schools for writing, 27th for mathematics and 33rd for reading.
- Between October and December 2017, every teacher was observed teaching reading. Our teaching profile in this area is very good, in line with the children's results overall.
- Projects in school: Sapphire Class tidied up the garden following their successful summer bounty. Seeds have been sown and the ground turned over. The Christmas Nativity turned out to be quite an enterprising project through ticket and programme sales designed by the children. Their enterprise has provided new games and activities for break times and clubs.
- We ran a spelling workshop for parents in October. We will hold another workshop on Thursday 1 February at 6pm. We will also put on a parent and child maths session this term so that teachers and children can demonstrate arithmetic methods they are expected to master by the end of primary school.
- Our teachers participate in mentoring and research. Whilst our teachers mentor new teachers to the profession, our teachers also learn from research professionals at the university. Mr Green has begun his Master's in Education and all the teaching staff have begun their own classroom research projects in order to continually improve their methods and approaches.
- Education funding remains our greatest challenge. We are fortunate that Mrs Ferris secured further funding from the Edina Trust and Tesco. Our dedicated PTFA made £413 profit at the Christmas Fayre and a further £215 profit from the Bazaars. The PTFA have provided new iPods and updated the library PCs. They have also funded an Arts enrichment day for each class during Spring Term. Alongside the Sports Committee who collected an amazing £800 bag packing the community is doing great work in these austere times. Unfortunately, their brilliant work does not come close to the challenge of maintaining the school's human resources and spiraling on costs.
- Supporting Teacher Training: trainee's Mr Cooke and Miss Pearce enhanced our teaching provision during Autumn Term. Miss Pearce helped lead the Christmas Nativity as well as passing her final placement at our school. We look forward to welcoming Mr Cooke back in the summer term in order to complete his training under Mr Green's guidance.
- Transition: We were pleased to have a visit from Mrs Newbert's toddler group in November. This was the first visit of many planned this year so that youngsters in the locality can spend some time with the Little Gems in our exciting learning environment.

Yours faithfully,

Mr B Stephenson
Principal

Mr S Green
Assistant Principal