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GOVERNORS

July 2017

Dear Parents/Carers

As we are approaching the end of the summer term the Governors would like to thank the children and staff for all their hard work this year, especially over the assessment weeks. With this pressure over, the children have been able to enjoy a more relaxed and varied curriculum. To show the great academic success of our school this year please refer to the graphs on the attached sheet, comparing our results with that across the county and nationally. You will see that the data truly reflects the great education our children receive. Well done everyone!

The children have also taken part in a multitude of activities outside the standard academic curriculum and here is a snapshot of some of their many activities and achievements:

- Our sports teams have been a credit to us taking part in a number of interschool tournaments in tennis, football, dodgeball and athletics. Following our tennis team winning the local rounds they competed in a Level 3 regional final.
- Our School Parliament got to visit the Houses of Parliament.
- Children took part in Whaplode's Got Talent.
- A number of charities have been supported including Save the Children, NSPCC, Dementia UK, Comic Relief and The Royal British Legion.
- KS2 children enjoyed a pantomime visit whilst EYFS and KS1 children had a Christmas party in school. There have been a number of other trips and WOW days throughout the year to support topics in all year groups.
- Children have collectively managed to swim the Channel.
- Y6 children have taken part in the Church Schools Festival at Lincoln Cathedral, Y4 children have taken part in the Elloe East Schools Festival and a number of children have taken part in the South Holland Schools Music Festival at Spalding Parrish School.

Another great success this year has been Forest Schools, led by Mrs Roberts. This is what Mrs Roberts and some pupils had to say about it:

Forest school strives to develop the children's confidence and self esteem through hands-on learning in a natural environment. It has proved a great success for all children with activities ranging from playing hide and seek and den building to making hot chocolate and cooking bread over an open fire.



Forest School has been involved with KS1 Stickman Day, buried pirates' treasure and even King John's treasure made an appearance for KS2.

In March parents/carers came along to an afternoon taster session and experienced the magic of Forest School - the feedback was positive.

We are now enjoying longer after-school sessions with Friday's year5/6 club running until 5.45pm. Children are creating, crafting, problem solving and team building, to name but a few.

With the hard work and support of everyone, Forest School is developing into an adventurous, educational and fun place to explore and risk-take. It is a hope that through doing some of the activities the children will feel a bit more love and respect for the world around them.

SAM B, Year 5

"I think that Forest School is good because you can climb trees and do stuff that we aren't allowed to do"

JACOB Year 3

"I like Forest School because it is working with sticks to build dens. Even now it is freezing cold. I love Forest School"

JAYME Year 3

"I love Forestry because it is the best. I love the stick fight, hide and seek, dens and more! The best!!"

Our journey to academise with Lincoln Anglican Academy Trust (LAAT) is still underway but due to a delay from the Department for Education our original plan to academise by 1st July has not been achieved. Hopefully academisation will be finalised within the near future.

Please remember that if anyone has any questions or comments on any school matter, please use the usual channels of communication. Governors can be contacted via the Clerk, Mrs S Rix and children can talk to teachers or use the rainbow boxes within each class.

On behalf of the Governing Body I would like to wish our year 6 pupils the best of luck as they embark on the next stage of their school journey. I feel confident that our school has fully equipped them for secondary school both academically and for life as responsible, compassionate and environmentally aware young people and I am sure that they will all take away with them many fond memories of their primary school life.

The Governing Body would like to congratulate Mrs Halden on completing her NQT year and we wish Mrs Walker every success in her new post as Head of School at Weston St Mary, although she will still be a member of the Senior Leadership Team across both schools so I am sure we will still see Mrs Walker on a regular basis.

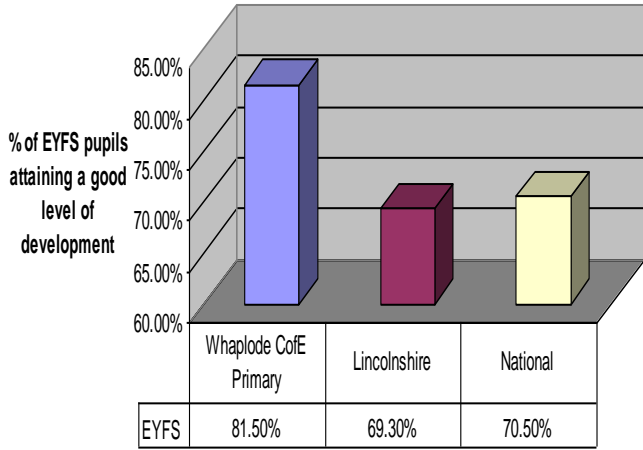
Finally, I would like to wish you all a fantastic summer break and we look forward to welcoming you back to our school in September for an even better year in 2017-18.

Yours sincerely

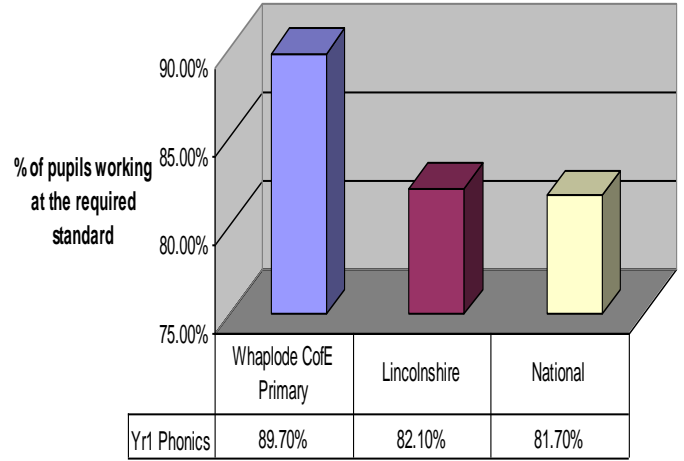
Mr Chris Mackman
Chair of Governors

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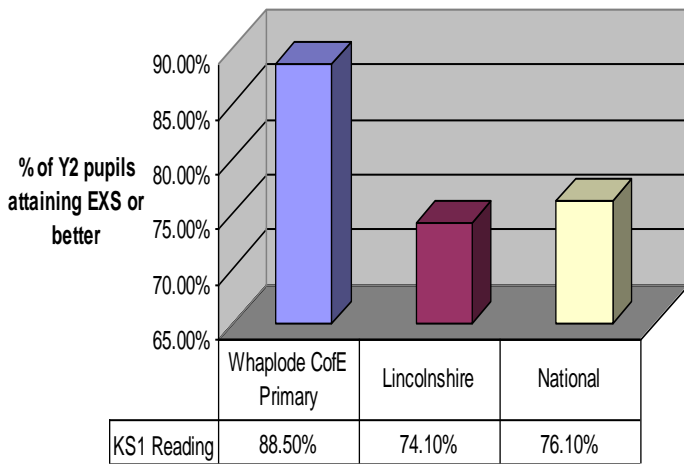
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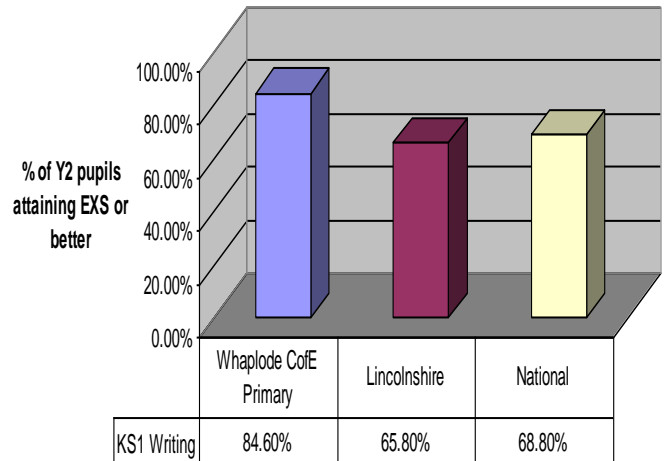
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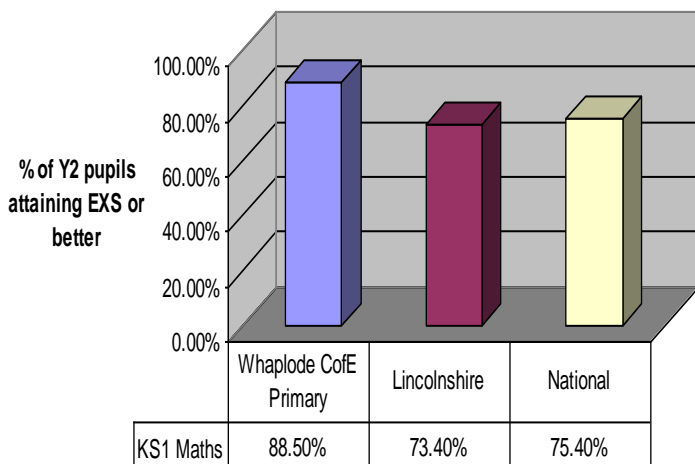
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KS1 Writing



KS1 Maths



KS1 RWM

