




THE SOHO SCOOP

News and Views from Soho Parish



16/7/21

Headline

As I reflect upon the past year, I am proud.

I am proud of the pupils, who have risen to the challenges and changes of home learning, who have kept smiles on their faces and embraced the uncertainty many of us feared with open hearts and minds.

I am proud of the parents, who battled on, juggling work and home learning, and held their child's well-being above all in the face of great adversity.

I am proud of the staff at Soho Parish, who have shown such bravery and selflessness, moving our whole school online with a moment's notice and continuing to learn and develop home learning techniques without let up, while also caring for and teaching pupils in school, at a time when others stayed safely at home.

I am proud of our governors and leadership team, who kept the show on the road and cared for our community in the face of unprecedented health and safety concerns and additional financial pressures.

I do not think we could have demonstrated our values of **love, courage, imagination, individuality and community** any more clearly than in these past two years.

I wish our pupils, staff, parents and governors a wonderful summer break. May the sun shine on you and your family and may the new school year bring more certainty and safety for us all.

Assessments

Although formal assessments were not required by the governors this year, we have carried them out for our own information. Despite the challenges, and two months online learning, we are pleased to share with you this key test data.

Year 6 took last year's SATs papers and we are absolutely delighted with their performance in the reading and Maths papers, with so many pupils at the expectation and a very high number of pupils above the expectation. Teaching writing was a challenge across the school through both lockdowns and will be a main focus for next year, although we are still pleased with the results in Y6 which represent a huge amount of hard work from pupils and staff.

Year 2 took the phonics test in Autumn (normally administered the term before at the end of Y1) and absolutely aced it! Well done, Year 2, Lisa and Laura!

Likewise, Year 4, carrying out the pilot year of the new times tables check, did an amazing job. A huge thank you to Y4 parents, Jacky, Sue, Rabeya and Alma who helped the children achieve so highly.

Year 6	At expectation	Above expectation
Reading	82%	46%
Writing	73%	18%
Maths	82%	41%

Year 2	Pass
Phonics check Y2	100%

Year 4	Average score
Times tables check	24/25

Reports

You will receive your child's annual report on Monday 19th July. These will be handed to parents only after school. If you are unable to collect your child, please email the teacher if you are happy for another named adult to collect the report.

Teachers are reporting to you about your child's year at school whilst acknowledging that they have been through two periods of lockdown and remote learning.

Progress and attainment are based on the teachers' ongoing assessments and informal end of year tests. Please be mindful that nationally all children's attainment is predicted to have been affected by the interrupted year they have experienced. We know that all children in our school have worked extremely hard and that our teachers are pleased with the progress they have made in another extraordinary year. I know they will have shared this with you in your parent teacher meetings with them last week, as well as the best way to help your child keep their skills sharp and improve key areas over the summer holiday.

There is no legal requirement to report on pupil's attendance and punctuality this year, so teachers have only made a comment where this is particularly low or high, as guidance for parents.

Thank you for your continued support for our school and all the staff. Please enjoy reading about your wonderful children's achievements.

Clubs

As long as no restrictions are re-introduced over the summer, we aim to resume breakfast club (**8.00-8.45am**) and after school club (**3.30-5.30pm**) from **week 3** of the autumn term, starting on Monday 20th September.

Diary Dates

Friday 16th July, 9:30am – PTA AGM Meeting, Hideaway Coffee

Monday 19th July – Annual reports sent out to parents

Monday 19th July – Mayor of Soho application deadline

Wednesday 21st July – Reception and Year 1 theatre trip

Friday 23rd July, 11:00am – Leavers' assembly for Year 6 pupils and families

Friday 23rd July 1:30pm– End of term

Monday 6th September – First day of school

Leavers

Rhonwen Parsons



Where to start?! As Louise mentioned, I have recently been offered a job in my dream setting, working as a hospital school teacher, helping children learn while they are unwell in hospital. While I am so excited for this adventure, it is also bitter sweet, as I have to leave Soho Parish, a school I absolutely love and there is so much I will miss! I started at this school four years ago and at some point have been the class teacher of all the children currently in KS2. I am so grateful to all the staff, parents and wonderful children who have helped me on my teaching journey so far. From starting here as a newly qualified teacher, to becoming vocal lead and working with the whole school during singing assemblies and services to helping to develop the history curriculum, I have learnt so much at this special, unique school. I feel truly privileged to have taught so many creative and confident children at Soho who value others individuality. So the last thing to say is good bye... for now... and I will never forget the time I spent at the small school with the big heart.

Alma Bioksic

Dear all,

It has been an absolute pleasure working in Soho for the past 24 years. The memories will be with me forever. I wish you all the best and I will miss you all. Love, Alma



Emma Brunjes



Goodbye to everyone. It has been a delight working in Soho for the past four years and I could not have asked for a more supportive and welcoming school when I moved to London.

I will miss all the pupils, staff and families lots. Hopefully I can come and visit next year. Have a wonderful summer break.

Emma

Shirley Crawford

I have had a wonderful time over the past 7 years working at Soho Parish. I have really enjoyed helping the children learn and discover whilst having lots of fun!

Soho Parish has been a fantastic school community to be part of. Thank you to all the children, parents and my lovely school team for making it a great place to work. I leave with a sense of achievement and amazing memories. It is a pleasure to be part of the Soho Parish history.

Lots of love, Shirley x



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