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Dear Children, Parents and Carers,

Your school report for 2016/2017 will be sent home this afternoon. Year 2 and Year 6 pupils, your SAT's results will also be included on a separate sheet.

Firstly the most important thing to say is that all of the Staff are extremely proud of the children of this school and the effort and perseverance that they demonstrate every day, with their learning and their friendships. It has been a lovely experience for me, reading everyone's report for the first time as Head Teacher and hearing all about the wonderful things that have been achieved.

Over the last three years there have been many changes to the curriculum, so on behalf of the school I wanted to send this letter home to explain the language you will see used in the report, as levels no longer exist. You will see language such as "age related", "working within age related" or "working beyond age related", which in simple terms means how well your child is managing in academic subjects such as reading, writing and maths for their age group.

More importantly, we want to say that we are very much aware that tests do not always reflect what makes each of you so special and unique. The Staff know your individual qualities, your talents and strengths; we know that some of you are great at speaking French, playing a musical instrument, can dance, are excellent at sport, know every fact about dinosaurs, are obsessed by World War 2 and can name very fighter jet used or are very artistic!

In conclusion, "Thank you for being you." Enjoy your school report, celebrate the individual achievements, heed the advice and continue to be the lovely children that you all are.

Have a well-deserved break in the summer and come back enthused for learning next academic year.

Best Wishes

Miss Marie Heraty

Acting Head Teacher