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13th February 2020

Dear Parents,

We have once again reached the end of term and I'm pleased to report that even though this is the "winter" term attendance has been high with very few children or adults having to miss school through illness. So long may this continue.

The highlight for many children has been the "Opera" day. It was an extremely exciting day and the children enjoyed performing with the visiting opera singers. My thanks goes to Mrs Groves who organised this event. We have had two wonderful musical days this year and because of Mrs Groves' resourcefulness, these days were free to the school.

Another exciting piece of news I wanted to share with you was that the school has received another letter from the Department of Education. This letter was from the Rt Hon Nick Gibb MP, Minister of State for School Standards. In the letter (which is copied on the back), he has congratulated the school on the very high level of progress that was demonstrated by the pupils in reading, writing and maths in the Year 6 SATs in the last academic year. It went on to say, that because of the progress scores in reading, writing and maths, the school was in the top 3% of primary schools in the country. This is the second year that the school has received a letter congratulating the school on the performance of our pupils. As you can imagine we are all very proud.

On the sporting front, the netball teams have been playing matches in the H5 league. The "B" team played on January 15th against Nursteed school and won 10-1 and the "A" team played against All Cannings school on February 5th and won 22-0. Very well done to Mrs Pottinger and all the netballers for their hard work and lots of practise.

We are trialling a new Urchfont Update for the next few terms. The update will be sent home in the last week of each term and is a slimmed down version. One new section is to celebrate any achievements that the children have had out of school. Therefore if the children want to be included in this section, please send the details with a photo (if possible) to admin@urchfont.wilts.sch.uk

I would like to remind parents that if we need to close due to snow or an emergency, then this information will be published on our website, on the school's Facebook page and on the local radio stations – Heart and BBC Wiltshire.



I would like to wish everyone a lovely half term-break and we look forward to welcoming the children back on Monday 24th February.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs Carol Talbot
(Head Teacher)





Rt Hon Nick Gibb MP
Minister of State for School Standards

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Mrs Carol Talbot
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20 January 2020

Dear Mrs Talbot,

I would like to congratulate you, your staff and your pupils on the very high level of progress that pupils in your school demonstrated in the reading, writing and mathematics Key Stage 2 assessments last year.

Your school's results, as published on 13 December, show progress scores of 6.1, 3.6 and 4.9 in reading, writing and mathematics respectively. This means that in terms of the progress your pupils make between Key Stage 1 and the end of Key Stage 2, your school is amongst the top 3 per cent of primary schools in the country.

The Government wants to ensure that every child has the fluency in reading, writing and mathematics necessary to prepare them for a successful secondary education and beyond, which is why I was delighted to see your results.

Thank you for your work in continuing the drive towards higher academic standards, and congratulations again to you and your staff for your commitment and success.

With best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

Rt Hon Nick Gibb MP
Minister of State for School Standards