Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Iqra Primary School,

**Assalam u Alaikum.**

I am writing to you on behalf of all the staff to thank you for making this year such a wonderful year for Iqra. There have been so many aspects of school life that have contributed to this success, but a number of highlights particularly come to mind.

Most recently our results at the end of EYFS, Year 1 Phonics Screening Test, end of Key Stage 1 and 2 SATs results from Year 2 and Year 6 have been **phenomenal!** We have attained the best results to date. We would like to share this success with you and thank you all as parents and carers for your invaluable input.

**Results Summary and Highlights 2018.**

EYFS Results

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|  **RESULTS**  |
| **Iqra School Good level of development (GLD)** | **82%** |
| **National Good level of development** | 71% |

Year 1 phonics Check

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|  **RESULTS**  |
| **Iqra School pass rate** | **93%** |
| **National pass rate** | 81% |

Key Stage 1 SATs Results

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|  | **Iqra Expected** | **National Expected** | **Iqra Exceeding** | **National Exceeding** |
| **Reading** | 81% | 76% | 30% | 25% |
| **Writing** | 82% | 68% | 26% | 16% |
| **Maths** | 83% | 75% | 30% | 21% |

Key stage 2 SATs Results

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| **Expected Attainment** | **Reading** | **Writing** | **Maths** | **GPS** | **RWM Combined** |
|  | **2017** | **2018** | **2017** | **2018** | **2017** | **2018** | **2017** | **2018** | **2017** | **2018** |
| **Iqra School** | **66%** | **85%** | **91%** | **92%** | **71%** | **92%** | **78%** | **92%** | **57%** | **84%** |
| **National 2018** | 72% | 74% | 76% | 78% | 75% | 76% | 77% | 78% | 61% | 64% |

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| **Greater Depth Attainment**  | **Reading** | **Writing** | **Maths** | **GPS** | **RWM Combined** |
|  | **2017** | **2018** | **2017** | **2018** | **2017** | **2018** | **2017** | **2018** | **2017** | **2018** |
| **Iqra School** | 19% | 36% | 26% | 36% | 21% | 34% | 27% | 56% | 10% | 28% |
| **National 2017** | 25% | 25% | 18% | 18% | 23% | 23% | 31% | 31% | 9% | 9% |

**Celebrating at Iqra**

KS1 and KS2 sports day was another event that was celebrated at Iqra, particularly with how competitive our staff and parents are. Each staff member reported (maybe with bias) that their classes were the ultimate victors! We can certainly have a repeat battle with year groups next year.

Eid ul adha was a very special day at Iqra. Staff took extra special care to prepare a wonderful day for the children with a very special guest! The air of excitement and enthusiasm was palpable by not only pupils but staff too. All the children sang along with our guest nasheed artist, had a wonderful Eid meal served by the teachers and took away a bag of treats after an afternoon of fun. We hope to celebrate Eid like this every year.

Other highlights have been the exciting trips and visits linked to the broad and balanced curriculum. EYFS visited the Aquarium and farm as part of their topic lessons; Year 1 visited the Braknell Discovery Centre; Year 2 children visited Kidzania as part of their PSHE curriculum and had a Science Dome workshop; Year 3s had a trip to Cadbury’s World as part of their enterprise and writing topics; Year 4 went on an exciting visit to London and then produced wonderful leaflets as part of their writing and finally Year 5s visited the Living Rain Forest as part of their geography topic.

It has been a particularly wonderful time for the Year 6 pupils at Iqra. Not only did they excel in their SATs exams but they also had an amazing Graduation Leaver’s dinner too! What a wonderful turnout by parents and children. It was lovely to see everyone in their formal attire and great to see parents relaxing and enjoying their evening with each other. Year 6 pupils also celebrated success through winning two major competitions this year. They were the winners of the Jet2 holidays design an advert and video competition where they won £1000 and were awarded third place in the Bucks and Berks Cut Films competition. The resulting anti-smoking video was screened for the general public at the Odeon cinema, Maidenhead.

The physical environment that children learn in is extremely important to us and this year we have made a big investment to our school playground. We have built a ‘Daily Mile’ track wherein children run or jog, at their own pace, for 15 minutes every day during school hours with their classmates. This is a social activity where everyone has fun taking part – it is not P.E. nor is it competitive – while building relationships, confidence and resilience. This initiative will be launched in Sept 2018.

We are proud to be part of this school and to serve the community. Our children are bright, enthusiastic and energetic and have a love of learning that we work hard to nurture. This is a credit to you as their parents and carers and to the whole staff team.

We look forward to welcoming you back after what I hope is a sunny, restful and safe summer. Please find the term dates on our new Iqra website on [www.iqraprimary.com](http://www.iqraprimary.com).

Kind Regards,

Dr Mineza Maher (Iqra Head teacher)

**Announcements**

***End of term arrangements***

Term ends Friday 20th July 2018 at 1.30pm. Please remember to collect your children on time.

Term Starts Tuesday 4th Sept 2018 at 8.40am.

***Lost Property***

Please ensure you collect any items of clothing from the lost property box outside the community hall at the far end. Also, it is important any PE kits and bags are taken home over the holidays and not left in school.

***Staff Changes***

We would like to say goodbye and a very big thank you to Mrs Shafi (class 3.3), Mrs Gulamnabi (class 2.1), Mrs Shah (teaching assistant in year 1) and Mrs Syed (teaching assistant in year 4). All staff move on to new challenges.

We would like to welcome Mr Mahmood (Year 1 teacher), Ms Nazneen (Year 3 teacher), Ms Irving, Ms Ifzal, Ms Kamran and Ms Mohamad to the staff at Iqra primary school.

***Website***

I encourage you to access the school website on [www.iqraprimary.com](http://www.iqraprimary.com) to view the following updates:

Term dates 2018 – 2019

Updated staffing list for September 2018

New curriculum page showing a detailed curriculum map

New Gallery page

New Sports Gallery Page

Events Calendar so you can keep track of any upcoming trips/workshops etc taking place

The website will provide you with additional information on after school club timings, curriculum provision at IQRA and policies. If you would like to access any additional policies, please feel free to ask at the front desk.

As digital technology advances so do the way schools communicate with parents. From September 2018 Iqra school would like all letters, newsletters, updates and announcements to be communicated to all parents electronically. This will be through text messaging, e-mailing or through the school website. Can all parents please ensure that they have given consent to the school to receive electronic mail as well as ensure that the school office has all your updated details to enable a smooth transition.