



Acorn Connected



Welcome to the July issue of Acorn Connected.

- I must start by sharing with you the KS2 SATS results for all our schools.

KS2 results - % working at or above expected level (2017 result) KS1 – target from KS1 results, Int – internal target

	Dilton Marsh (26 pupils)	Great Wishford (15)	Heytesbury (7)	Keevil (15)	New Close (17)	St John's (10)	The Avenue (33)	West Ashton (0)	National '18 provisional
Reading	69% (68%) KS1 – 95 Int – 82	75% (53%) KS1 – 93 Int - 48	100% (80%) KS1 – 84 Int - 67	80% (93%) KS1 – 71 Int - 93	71% (28%) KS1 – 76 Int – 88?	70% (85%) KS1 – 70 Int - 70	79%/84% (82%/85%) KS1 – 73/77 Int – 88/94	n/a	75%
Writing	73% (89.3%) KS1 – 95 Int - 82	63% (59%) KS1 – 80 Int - 53	57% (80%) KS1 – 67 Int - 50	73% (88%) KS1 – 71 Int - 80	65% (61%) KS1 – 59 Int - 76	80% (65%) KS1 – 50 Int - 50	73%/77% (82%/85%) KS1 – 67/71 Int – 76/81	n/a	76%
Maths	54% (46%) KS1 - 95 Int – 88	63% (12%) KS1 – 93 Int - 40	86% (80%) KS1 – 68 Int - 50	73% (88%) KS1 – 79 Int - 80	82% (56%) KS1 – 71 Int – 100%	50% (80%) KS1 – 50 Int - 60	82%/87% (82%/85%) KS1 – 79/84 Int – 89/94	n/a	76%
SPAG	58% (71%)	69% (53%)	71% (80%)	73% (88%)	82% (50%)	70% (80%)	76%/81% (79%/81%)	n/a	78%
Combined	54% (43%) KS1 – 95 Int - 94	50% (6%) KS1 – 78 Int - 40	57% (80%) KS1 – 67 Int - 57	47% (88%) KS1 – 71 Int - 73	47% (22%) KS1 – 68 Int - 76	50% (65%) KS1 – 50 Int – 50	67%/71% (79%/81%) KS1 – 68/72 Int – 76/81	n/a	64%

As you can see it is a very mixed picture; there are improvements and there are disappointing results. The overall combined results, with the exception of The Avenue, is an issue across the Trust. This would appear to be “one off” as the data on current Year 5 is far more positive. However, we are not complacent and are already ensuring there is greater rigour in all schools. All results will be discussed in detail at the 360 Degree meetings in September.

I just want to finish by saying an enormous thank you to the Academy Council Governors, Headteachers, teachers and the children for working so hard to achieve these results. I am well aware of the dedication, commitment and support that happens every day in all our primary schools, in order to do the very best for our year 6 children and it is very much appreciated.

- The NJC (National Joint Council) pay award. Anna Williams has sent the email below to all schools:

Dear Business staff,

I am delighted to confirm that the Acorn Trust Board of Directors has agreed the National Joint Council (and Wiltshire) pay increase in line with union recommendations. I attach the pay scales so you can see the percentage rise for each band.

The annual salary and the hourly rate reflect the new pay rise. This new rate will be paid on July 25th and will include back pay to April 2018.

If you are unsure of your pay scale, please ask your operations manager.

May I take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued hard work across our schools and, if you are taking holiday this August, I wish you a very happy and restful one.

With very best wishes,

Anna Williams (HR Acorn)

- Amanda Spielman speech.

Please see attached the most recent speech by the Chief Inspector of Schools, which clearly defines her view on the inspection of Multi Academy Trusts.

- Email from Tim Bartlett, external consultant. Tim is retiring this year and sent the following email:

Dear Sara

I am writing to confirm that I will be retiring from the end of this school year.

Thank you very much, and through you, to your colleagues and governors. I enjoyed every visit: and always took away fresh school improvement and governance ideas to share with others.

I am confident that Kingdown will continue to thrive. From the evidence of my visits and your data and documentation, I have grown to admire the resilience and creativity of your colleagues in pursuing continuous quality improvement for your very varied intake of pupils.

I am equally sure that Acorn Education Trust will prove a model for others to follow, as we finally settle on a national middle-tier structure for our schools, to replace Local Education Authorities which date back to 1902.

Good luck for the future: and thank you again for the opportunities which working with you gave me.

Best wishes

Tim

Tim Bartlett

Independent School Improvement Adviser.

- And finally... thank you for all your hard work on behalf of Acorn staff and students this year. I hope you have a lovely summer and look forward to seeing you all in September.

Best wishes

Sara