



# CROFTON NEWS - END OF YEAR 2022

## END OF YEAR UPDATE

I would like to begin by thanking all staff, governors, parents and most of all the pupils, for the manner in which everyone has worked together once again to make this year very successful indeed.

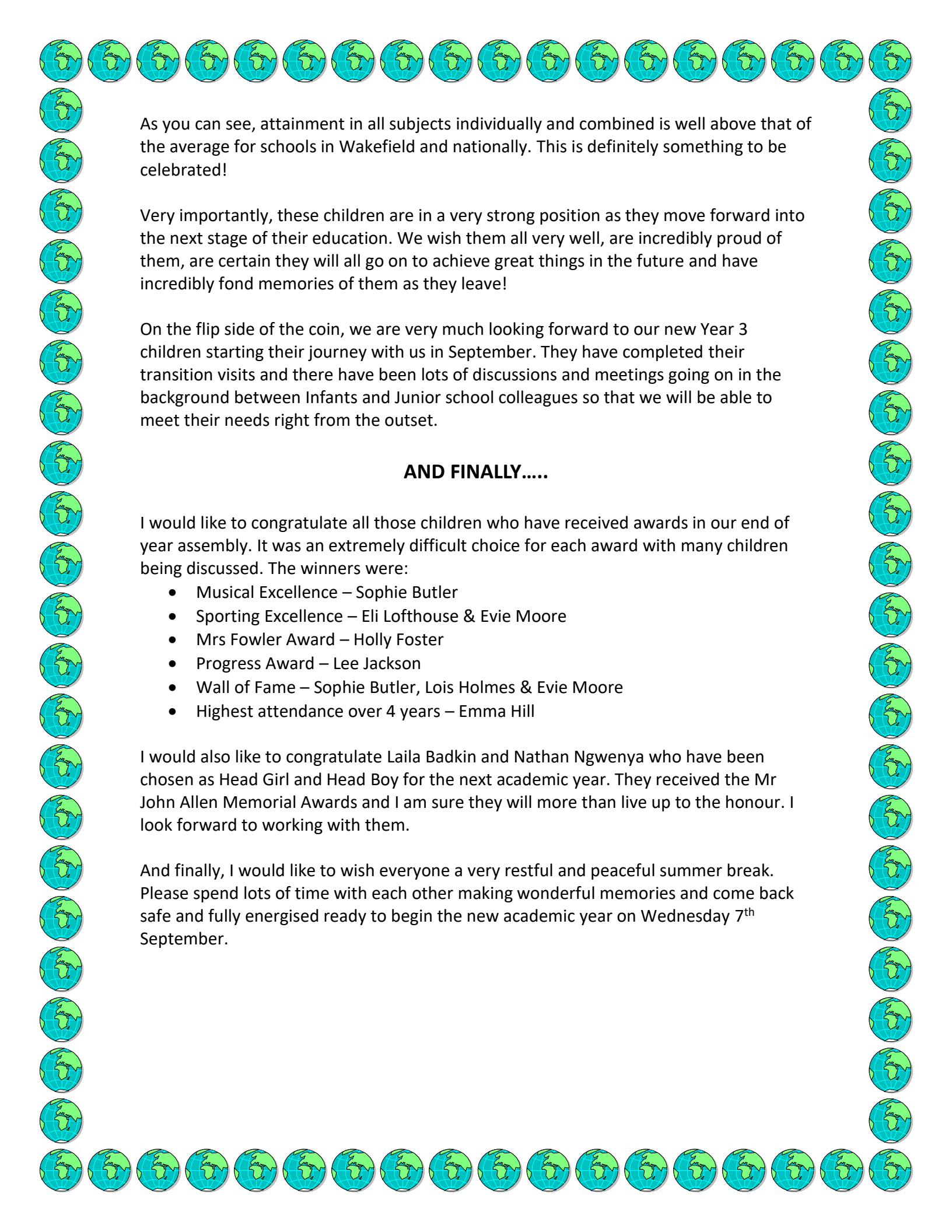
It is a year that we began in relative normality before reverting back to introducing restrictions before finally being able to enjoy school as we did pre-pandemic. At this point I will repeat what I said this time last year, ***'I think we all need to take the time to congratulate ourselves on being incredibly resilient, determined and resolute and doing an outstanding job! We should all feel extremely proud of ourselves individually and as a collective, and I for one can not state strongly enough how proud I am to be associated with everyone and everything that Crofton Junior School stands for!'***

Success can be seen and measured in many forms. I think our biggest success can be seen in how well the children have adapted to the different restrictions that have been placed upon them, yet still continued to focus on their learning and demonstrate incredibly positive attitudes feeling happy and safe.

Other successes can clearly be seen in the progress that the children have made this year right throughout school. This is evident from the work the children produce on a day to day basis in their workbooks, the conversations we have with the children about their work and how we can make further improvements and assessment data. All elements clearly indicate that the children overall are making at least good progress which is incredibly pleasing.

At this point, I must congratulate our Year 6 children who have achieved outstanding End of Key Stage 2 results, which can be seen in the table below:

Subject	Crofton Junior School	Wakefield Average	National Average
Reading	88%	71%	74%
Writing	85%	68%	69%
Mathematics	82%	69%	71%
Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling	84%	67%	72%
Reading, Writing & Maths Combined	79%	57%	59%



As you can see, attainment in all subjects individually and combined is well above that of the average for schools in Wakefield and nationally. This is definitely something to be celebrated!

Very importantly, these children are in a very strong position as they move forward into the next stage of their education. We wish them all very well, are incredibly proud of them, are certain they will all go on to achieve great things in the future and have incredibly fond memories of them as they leave!

On the flip side of the coin, we are very much looking forward to our new Year 3 children starting their journey with us in September. They have completed their transition visits and there have been lots of discussions and meetings going on in the background between Infants and Junior school colleagues so that we will be able to meet their needs right from the outset.

### **AND FINALLY.....**

I would like to congratulate all those children who have received awards in our end of year assembly. It was an extremely difficult choice for each award with many children being discussed. The winners were:

- Musical Excellence – Sophie Butler
- Sporting Excellence – Eli Lofthouse & Evie Moore
- Mrs Fowler Award – Holly Foster
- Progress Award – Lee Jackson
- Wall of Fame – Sophie Butler, Lois Holmes & Evie Moore
- Highest attendance over 4 years – Emma Hill

I would also like to congratulate Laila Badkin and Nathan Ngwenya who have been chosen as Head Girl and Head Boy for the next academic year. They received the Mr John Allen Memorial Awards and I am sure they will more than live up to the honour. I look forward to working with them.

And finally, I would like to wish everyone a very restful and peaceful summer break. Please spend lots of time with each other making wonderful memories and come back safe and fully energised ready to begin the new academic year on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September.



## DIARY DATES

- Inset Days – Monday 5<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September
- Children return to school – Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September **(8:40am – 3:10pm)**
- Eagle Owls Inspire – Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> September
- Hawk Owls Inspire – Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October
- Barn Owls Inspire – Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October
- Tawny Owls Inspire – Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October
- TTRockstars Rock Wrangle (Get your rock outfits ready!) – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October
- Break up for half term – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October
- Return to school - Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October
- Sooty Owls Inspire – Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November
- Spotted Owls Inspire – Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November
- Elf Owls Inspire – Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November
- Snowy Owls Inspire – Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November
- Parents' Evening – Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November \* Parents to choose a time slot between 3:30pm – 6:00pm
- Year 5 visit to Leeds Playhouse to see Charlie & the Chocolate Factory – Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December
- Children break up for Christmas Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December
- Inset Day Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December
- Return to school – Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January
- Break up for half term – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February
- Return to school – Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February
- Year 5 residential to Robinwood – Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March
- Year 6 residential to France – Monday 27<sup>th</sup> – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March / early hours of Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> April
- Break up for Easter – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March
- Return to school – Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April
- May Day – Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May
- Year 6 SATs Week – Monday 8<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May
- Children break up for half term – Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May
- Inset Day – Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May
- Return to school – Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June
- Children break up for the summer – Monday 24<sup>th</sup> July
- Inset Day – Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> July

Please look out for further dates in September.

Yours faithfully

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