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Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Governors' Newsletter December 2017

As we approach the end of the year, we are pleased to share with you some of Lowbrook Academy's significant achievements and events in the last twelve months.

The Times has named Lowbrook Academy as the 5th highest performing state primary school. The school has consistently appeared as one of top 100 schools for five years in a row. The school is also the top performing primary school in RBWM.

Children's academic achievement places the school in the top 5% of schools nationally. 96% of children at Lowbrook Academy attained the expected standard across all subjects compared with 61% nationally and 46% of children attained the higher level across all subjects compared with 9% nationally. The progress of children at Lowbrook Academy was in the top 1% of schools nationally across all subjects which is a real testament to the outstanding learning opportunities the children experience. Results like these are a result of exceptionally good teaching and the staff at Lowbrook Academy consistently deliver outstanding lessons which encourage and inspire children to learn. We thank them for their continued hard work.

The children have all had opportunities to experience a variety of exciting and educational school trips, including a successful annual trip to Dartmoor for years 5/6. All children have been able to participate in sports as part of lessons, after school clubs, school teams and of course the exciting sports week culminating in a competitive and entertaining sports day. The themed weeks such as Book Week and Arts and Culture Week have been incredibly successful and welcomed by parents. They continue to engage children in learning through fun and creative ways. Children also participated in school performances such as the Christmas production and classes continue to impress their parents/caregivers at class assemblies.

The school achieved the Gold Artsmark Award for the third year running. This remarkable achievement, led by Mrs Brown, recognises the school's commitment to arts and culture.

The new classroom has been completed and the temporary year 4 classroom is being redeveloped into a new interactive learning environment. This multi-purpose area will

include areas for children and for staff to work. Several of the older classrooms are also being refurbished with new lighting and carpeting.

The last academic year was a difficult one for the leadership team as much time and energy was spent trying to secure funding for a school expansion. Despite this Mr Rooney continued to lead both Lowbrook Academy and Holy Trinity C of E Primary School successfully. Both schools were in the top three schools in the borough. The governing body appreciates that Mr Rooney's outstanding leadership together with the hard work of the dedicated staff has resulted in the best possible opportunities for the children at the school to achieve their full potential in all areas.

Yours faithfully

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Chair of Governors