

St Mary & St John CE Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

You will be receiving your child's annual report today or during this week. It looks a little different this year as we have made space for all subjects. This is in line with a new emphasis on the wider curriculum when schools are inspected. Maths and English are very important but an over-emphasis has, at times, narrowed the curriculum in some schools and a welcome respect for other subjects is now expected with inspectors looking at a range of subjects and reporting on these in an inspection report.

There are boxes for **attainment and progress** for reading, writing and maths and **attainment** for all other subjects.

This could get complicated very quickly so I will try and keep it simple!

Attainment is the level your child is working at for their age.

For example, if an eight year old is working at the national curriculum expectation for an eight year old then they are working at the expected standard.

Progress is how your child has moved forward in a subject over the academic year.

For example, if an eight year old has worked well during the year, understood the national curriculum for their age and completed age appropriate learning, then they will have made expected progress.

Please be assured that being in the **expected** box for everything reflects a successful year and you will enjoy the teachers' comments on your children. The bigger box about school life in general, along with the children's own reflections, are the parts of the report that many families really relish.

I am deeply impressed by how well the teachers know their children, despite a massively disrupted year. The children have, overall, shown remarkable resilience during this splintered year. They, their families and the staff working with them deserve huge gratitude for doing so much in challenging circumstances.

We are nearly there!

There is probably one more newsletter to come!

My very best wishes to you and your families,

Liz Burton