



# Silkstone Common J. & I. School

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Dear Parents

We have had some great news in school recently that you may or may not be aware of. This weekend, in the Sunday Times, we have been recognised as the 11<sup>th</sup> top school in the country and 4th out of the schools that were outside of London –in their “Britain’s Top 500 Primary School Rankings”, a tremendous achievement! This wonderful success is fantastic recognition for all of the hard work put in by staff and pupils, and of your ongoing support. This great news has gone to the local newspapers too and I will be speaking to the Barnsley Chronicle and Stocksbridge News this week, so keep an eye out for that.

The governors would also like to say...

"After The Sunday Times printed their annual tables showing England’s top 500 state primary schools this weekend, based on the 2012/13 level 5 SATS attainment, we are also delighted to see that Silkstone Common Junior and Infant School came 11th overall. I’m sure you’ll join with us in sending congratulations and thanks to the whole team – they’re doing a great job.

We aim to continue this success with the key underlying principle that pupil engagement and happiness is the key to all learning and as our school vision states, Silkstone Common really is where success begins in a happy place!"

May I also take this opportunity to inform you that after a short trial period (to ensure all security and privacy settings were set up correctly), our school Facebook page will be going live this week. We are keen to enhance our lines of communication in line with parental feedback, and as many of us use online social networks frequently as part of our lives, we thought we should follow suit with other schools which use Facebook to great success. In line with good practice, the page will not show any friends/followers or photographs – we will of course request permission regarding your child/children before any changes are made to this. The page will contain key information, news and reminders to compliment the more traditional text service, e-mails and newsletters as lines of communication. So please go on and ‘follow’ us – Silkstone Common SCJI.

Yours sincerely

Mr S Tabbner  
Headteacher

