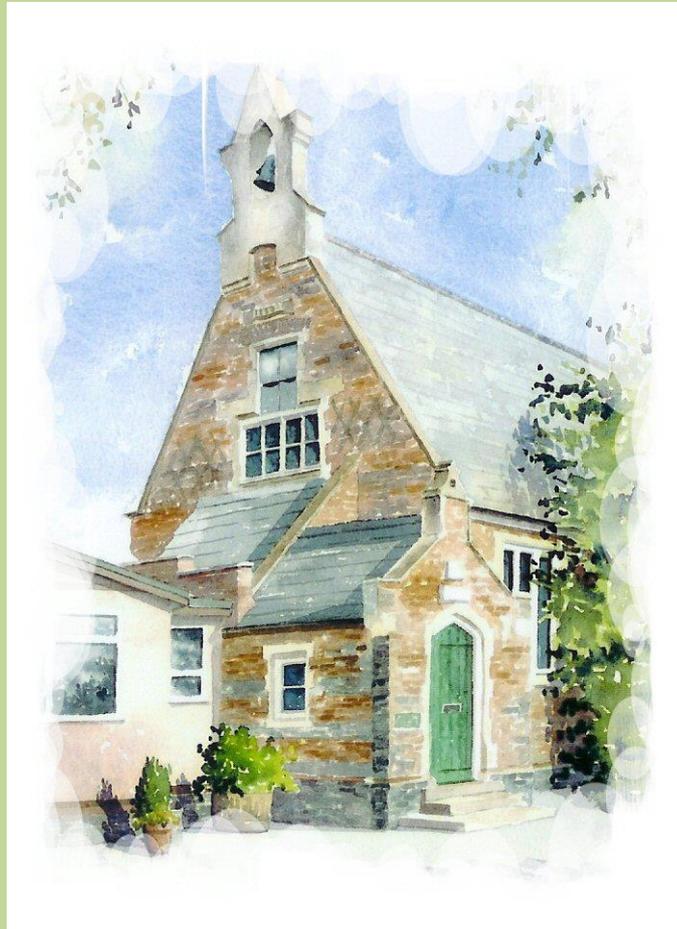


Braywood CE First School



Governors' Report to Parents 2016/17

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"From tiny acorns mighty oak trees grow, watered and nurtured by God's love"

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Dear Parents,

This year has been one of celebration. We welcomed back Mrs. Calvert after her time as executive headteacher at the Royal School as she has lead the many activities commemorating the 160th anniversary at Braywood.

Braywood parents generously support all of our fundraising events throughout the year and the PTA do a fantastic job in organizing them. They have raised funds for many extras for our school including, books, computers and welly racks this year. The 160th Anniversary Ball was a very enjoyable evening and I was delighted that so many of you dug deep once again and raised over £5,000 which is a magnificent amount. The money will enable Mrs. Calvert to buy a new lectern and outdoor play equipment.

This year we say goodbye to three of our governors. Bill Collier has given many hours of his time helping the children with their watercolor painting. Emma Hedley has been an active Parent Governor and has helped us achieve our Leading Parent Partnership Award. After nine years wonderful service Reverend Richard Cowles who has been a regular visitor over the years, taken many assemblies and introduced our 'Open the Book' Collective Worship. Richard is retiring and will be greatly missed by the children and families at Braywood. I would like to thank them all for their generous support of the Governing Body and for all they have done for our school.

I would like to wish everyone a very happy summer holiday.

*Julie Barber
Chair of Governors*

What are we trying to improve?

There are many priorities in our school development plan but these are the key features.

- To improve upon our established Reading Scheme in order to a) extend the children's reading comprehension skill and b) involving our parents more in this scheme.
- Embed the work we have been doing with 'mastery' in Mathematics and how this is reflected through our enhanced marking and assessment procedures.
- Review our non-core subjects and ensure that our assessment procedures are in line with the New Curriculum.
- Include parents and carers even more in the learning, social life and achievements of the school through new website format and social media.
- Help children to develop the resilience to tackle all of life's challenges through teaching Character Education and a positive mindset.

What have we achieved this year?

All classes have been on at least 3 trips except the Foundation class. We have had lots of visitors including:

Reading Museum Trip
Summer Concert
Talent Show
Y4 PGL Residential Trip
Pantomime Visit
Trip to Gurdwara, Mosque and Synagogue
Bocketts Farm visit for Y1 and 2
Easter and Christmas Concert in Church
Farm Visit to school for the Foundation



Bench ball training & Tournament
Verulamium Visit for Y3 and Y4
Dance Show at Windsor Boys School for Y1
Singing at the Hexagon in Reading
Dads and Mums into School
Braywick Nature Reserve
Lego Robots for Y3/4

Talk from Parents
Visit to Upton Court
Watch Swan Upping at Oakley Court
160th Celebration Ball with Parents
Tennis/Netball training & Tournament
Sports Day and Picnic



Maidenhead Transport Museum
Harvest Festival
Kidzania Visit
Football Training and Tournament
Christingle Service with Rev Louise Brown
Mathematics Competition
Masterchef Competition

Windsor Sports Partnership Tournaments
Santa visiting school on a Harley
Roald Dahl Day
World Book Day
Road Safety Day
Charity Events
Thames Water Visitor
Chamber Choir singing in church
Wide range of extracurricular clubs



And much,



much more

Our standards this year

The children have performed exceptionally well again this year. 96% of our Year 1 pupils passed their phonics test and we reported to the DFE between 86% and 89% of children in Year 2 achieved expected or above expected standards. Similarly, in Year 4, approximately 90% of children, achieved appropriate or above levels for their age. National averages were between 65% and 74% for KS1 assessments. This is due to a tremendous effect on behalf of all the teachers. This is a real achievement, as the curriculum has got eight months harder.

How are we working with parents?

The school values the contribution of parents through our PTA. This year we have achieved a huge amount alongside a fantastic team of parents.

This year they have achieved:

Tears and Tissues for new mums
Discos for Children
Summer and Christmas Fair
Nights out for mums
Class reps supporting school e.g. Happy Bags

The new event 'Fun Run' was a great success



What have been our successes?

Our 160th celebrations have been a real success this year. The Ball was great and the children enjoyed dressing up in Victorian costume. All pupils had a taste of a Victorian classroom. We also entered lots of competitions this year including Netball, Sports Hall Athletics, Rugby, Football and Tennis and qualified for County Finals in the last two. This includes all year groups such as Year 1 performed in the Dance Competition.

