

# Braywood CE First School



## Governors' Report to Parents 2015/16

*Aspire, Learn, Achieve*

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

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*Dear Parents,*

*This year has brought new challenges to Braywood as Mrs. Calvert took over the Executive headship of The Royal School. I know she has relished this challenge and I would like to congratulate her on turning The Royal around and appointing a new Head teacher for September. In her absence, all the staff at Braywood have done fantastically well at keeping our school running seamlessly. Both children and staff have benefitted from the liaison with The Royal, and I am sure this will continue in the future. Despite the year's successes we will be very happy to have Mrs. Calvert back in September.*

*The children have had many wonderful experiences this year in celebrating the Queen's 90th birthday, together with the many varied sporting, musical events and outings. We look forward to another significant celebration next year, as the school will have its 160<sup>th</sup> birthday.*

*Wishing you all a well earned, relaxing and 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 challenge more staff to take on the role of middle leadership in all subject areas, and to support the Royal School in this area.
- To adapt to the new challenges of the grammar, spelling and punctuation in the New Curriculum by using the 'Big Write' philosophies (Roz Wilson)
- Review our marking and assessment procedures using 'tickled pink' and 'green for growth' and encourage children to read and respond to the teacher's comment in order to move their learning forward.

### **Our standards this year**

We are delighted to be awarded OUTSTANDING for our Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools.

*"Braywood sustains an exciting and high attaining Christian learning environment. Everyone learns and grows together within this inclusive family based rural school. This is because the school and all who work in it are dedicated to its Christian character, which enables it to be both distinctive and highly effective."*

The children have performed exceptionally well this year. 96% of our Year 1 pupil passed their phonics test and we reported to the DFE 90% 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. This is due to a tremendous effect on behalf of all the teachers. This is a real achievement, as the curriculum has got 8 month harder.

## 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:



- Hampton Court Trip
- Summer Concert
- Talent Show
- Y4 PGL Residential Trip
- Pantomime
- Trip to Hindu Temple
- Chiltern Open Air Museum Museum
- Easter and Christmas Concert in church
- Shakespeare experience at Windsor Castle
- Bench ball training & tournament
- Art and drama workshop
- Dance Show at Windsor Boys School for Y1/2
- Singing at St George's Chapel
- Singing at the Royal Albert Hall
- Dads and Mums into School
- Braywick Nature Reserve
- Lego Robots for Y3/4
- Sewing and DT workshop
- Visit to Ashmolean Museum Y3/4
- Watch Swan Upping at Oakley Court
- Garden Party with our parents
- Tennis training & tournament
- Wave at the Queen in Great Park
- Sports Day and picnic
- Open Day at Great Park
- Harvest Festival
- Visit to Kew Gardens
- Wild Science workshop
- Y3 and 4 Opening the Bandstand
- Maths Day
- Chocolate workshops
- Masterchef competition
- Christmas Carols at Longlea
- Christingle Service with Rev Louise Brown
- Tag Rugby training and tournament
- Giancarlo Caldasì cooking workshops
- Jungle Book Theatre trip
- Organ workshop at St George's chapel
- Working with artist to design plaque for bandstand



Working alongside Windsor Sports Partnership for PE  
Our wide range of extra curricular clubs

And much, much more .....

### 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
- Disco for Children
- Christmas Fair
- 70's Disco
- Summer Fair
- Nights out for mums
- Class reps supporting school

This year mums and dads were invited into school to share the Queen's birthday, which was great fun. Our mums and dads into school events were at the beginning of the year to ensure that we explain the difference in the next year's curriculum content.



### What have been our successes?

This year we have supported another school in a variety of ways. Both schools have joint school improvement goals of marking/assessment and subject leadership. This has afforded us the opportunity to work together on these areas. The headteacher has working alongside the LEA and Oxford Diocese on strategic planning and next year she will be working alongside the Royal School to ensure a smooth transition of leadership.

We have achieved a huge amount of extra curricular activities this year. It is so important for children, as events such as singing at the Royal Albert Hall or joining a choir of over 1,000 children to wish HRH The Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday are often moments the children will remember forever.

