

Annual Report to Parents 2018 – 2019



Well done. Governors have been delighted with this year and recognise and appreciate that, on occasions, staff have worked under severe time pressures and in difficult & unexpected circumstances. Here's a resume:-

By valuing Curiosity, Resilience, Working Together, Friendship & Respect we are *'Shaping Bright Futures Together'*. Thanks to Mrs Stephenson & Mrs Shiels we have two new legacy items. We are proud of our new school song and our own version of the 'Lost Words' book.

Congratulations to Miss Miller & Mrs Emond who successfully completed, in their own time, NPQ qualifications at Senior & Middle leadership level respectively.



The School Council, under the able direction of Mrs Clements and assistance of Mrs Grant, selected the new playground equipment and organised impressive fundraising events. Red Nose Day was particularly memorable and raised a fantastic amount.

Our school continues to be different in offering 'residential' to even our youngest pupils. This is a key time for staff to see your children in a different learning environment and context and we can vouch that this element of our curriculum enriches their lives and confidence. We just cannot guarantee the weather! Thank you for your support in making this a success.



Governors wish to thank the school's work with the local & wider community, especially everyone who supported the Reverse Advent initiative and for commemorations at Remembrance. It was particularly poignant to respect those individuals and families from the village involved in WW1, 100 years ago.



Miss New & Mrs Thornton again led this year's production and a band of volunteers and it did not disappoint. Following feedback, this year it solely involved the juniors and their acting, singing, the staging and costumes in Mary Poppins made for exceptional play.



Governors continue to monitor key areas of the curriculum, core school functions and pupil attainment and progress across all year groups. Staff subject coordinators presented at Full Governing Body meetings and were available for our visits on Computing, English and Mathematics. Mrs Peacey is collaborating with Overbury & Bredon Hancocks schools on leadership & management systems.

Additionally, governors now have new school email addresses as per GDPR guidelines and have undergone group safeguarding training with staff.

Thank you to the PFA who have brought fun & funds to the school. Notable events included The Greatest Showman, Christmas Fayre & Pub Quiz.



Looking forward to next year, we have the opening of our Early Years Unit within Acorn Class. This exciting opportunity opened up just as our year is coming to a close. Our Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) is regarded as outstanding and it is a natural step to widen access of this to pre-school 3-4year olds.

Finally, *a vacancy for a parent governor* has arisen and in September we will be sending out nomination forms. If you have expressed an interest before, we would very much encourage you to apply again. We are particularly keen for anyone with a connection (past or present) to Playgroup or with an interest in Marketing or IT, to put their name forward. It is your opportunity to make a difference and is very rewarding.

Thank you again for being part of the Ashton family and your ongoing support.

Best Regards

Ashton Governing Body