

Dear Parent(s) Carer(s)

The Governors are pleased to be able to report on yet another busy and successful year.

We are very fortunate to have a Governing Body with a wide range of skills and experience, who support our school community. Our team ethos is paramount in carrying out our wide range of responsibilities for the benefit of our children, parents/carers and staff.

We would like to take this opportunity to share with you some of the work we've been involved in and to highlight some of the special successes the school achieved in 2015 – 2016.

During the year, we have carried out two learning walks. The first looked at the Pie Corbett Writing Project carried out throughout the school and the second focused on maths. We also undertook regular reviews of the children's work books to review progress made throughout the year.

This year we have undergone several changes within the Governing Body itself. Brian Jamieson was appointed as a co-opted governor having served as an associate member in 2014/15. Ken Baird was also appointed as a co-opted governor and we welcome the skills that he brings to the board. Sadly, after over 8 years, Sue Hornby recently resigned as a co-opted governor and Chair of the Curriculum Committee. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Sue for all of her hard work and commitment to the school over this time. Sue, along with her husband Mike, will continue to be active helpers at the school, supporting Year 4 from September 2016. The most recent appointment to the board was that of Russell Prigmore who was appointed at our last meeting at the start of July and I look forward to the input he will bring from September.

Another change to the board, was the appointment of myself as Chair and Anne Jenkins as vice chair back in November 2015. Along with our duties, I am trying to make the governors more accessible to parents following on from feedback on the parental questionnaire. We have updated the governors page on the website and have added a governor's corner section to the newsletter to communicate governor changes and news with you more efficiently. We will continue to work on this during 2016/17. If you have any comments on this please do not hesitate to contact me, I welcome any parental input on how improvements can be made going forward.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all of the staff, teachers and support staff, for their excellent hard work during the year and bid farewell to Kath Bateman and wish her well for the future. Parents, thank you for your continued support of the school and for attending school events no matter what the weather throws at us!

Lastly, thank you to the pupils for working so hard during the year. The pupils' behaviour observed by the governors during our visits has always been outstanding. Year 6s, good luck at high school and well done for the work you all put into your exams.

Have a good summer break and I look forward to a successful 2016/17.

Best wishes

Rebecca Ellams

Chair of Governors

Our Core Purpose:

A caring community encouraging children to become independent, life long learners.

Our Core Values:

- Working together
- Fulfilling potential
- Promote respect and happiness
- Success for all!

Our School Governors

Parent	Local Authority	Staff	Co-opted
Mrs Rebecca Ellams	Cllr. Charles Fifield	Mr David Erne	Mr Ian Dale
Mrs Anne Jenkins		Mrs Melissa Rayner/ Mrs Clare Rushworth	Mr David Rushton
			Mr Brian Jamieson
			Mrs Sarah Alderson
			Mr Ken Baird
			Mr Russell Prigmore

Further information on the governing body is available on the school website:
www.weaverhamforest.cheshire.sch.uk

How well did we do in 2015/16?

ATTAINMENT = the levels achieved in tests

KS 1 Results

Nationally 60% of children reached the new standard in reading, writing and maths **combined**.

Weaverham Forest Primary School 63% of children reached the new standard in reading, writing and maths **combined**.

We have now received the 2016 KS2 assessment results. These are the first tests to assess the new, more challenging curriculum (introduced 2014). New tests and interim frameworks for teacher assessment were introduced to reflect the revised curriculum. As you are aware, results are no longer reported as levels, and each pupil has received their test results as a scaled score.

KS 2 Results

Nationally 53% of children reached the new standard in reading, writing and maths **combined**.

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Figures for 2016 are not comparable to those for earlier years. The expectations for pupils at the end of Key Stage 2 have been raised. Given the differences in the curriculum and assessments, levels are not comparable with scaled scores or teacher assessment outcomes.

We are very proud of the hard work and effort which the children have put into this challenging year. Everybody should be pleased with what they have achieved.