

Dear parent(s) / carer(s)

The Governors are pleased to be able to report on yet another busy and successful year and 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 successes the school has achieved in 2016-17.

In March of this year we were inspected by Ofsted and we were extremely pleased with the report that we were given, along with our 'Good' rating. The hard work undertaken by all in the school was reflected in the positive report and feedback provided by the inspector.

There have been changes made to the way in which maths is taught throughout school this year with pupils no longer taught in ability groups. Instead they are encouraged to challenge themselves by choosing from a menu of tasks with varying degrees of difficulty from 'mild' or 'hot' to 'spicy'. The governors took part in a learning walk focused on Maths to see this in action in all year groups. We also undertook a review of children's work books to review the progress being made throughout the year.

The Governing Board and senior leadership team have had to make some difficult decisions this year. Due to government cut backs and the increasing difficulties in preparing a balanced budget a restructuring process was carried out looking at the teaching assistants within the school. As a result of this Sue Wakefield chose to take the voluntary redundancy offer and we wish her well for the future and would like to thank her for all her hard work and commitment to the school over the years. The Governing Board will continue to monitor finances closely going forward.

We made a new appointment to the Governing Board this year with Kathryn Burgess being appointed as a co-opted governor and I look forward to the input she will bring along with previous governing experience. We currently have a parent governor position available and I will write to you in the Autumn term with details on how to apply for this position.

Sue Hornby retired from the Governing Board during the 15/16 school year after over 8 years of service. Sue was a great asset to the school and continued to help out regularly with her husband Mike at school and on school trips. Unfortunately, she lost her battle with Cancer in April of this year. Sue will be greatly missed.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all staff, teachers and support staff for their excellent hard work during the year and the site manager for the new outdoor classroom and shed amongst the many improvements he has made this year. Thank you also to the parents and the PTA for your continued support of the school. The governors welcome parental feedback and if you have any comments or queries please do not hesitate to contact me through the appropriate channels.

Lastly, thank you to all pupils for working hard during the year and a big well done to year 6 for the work you all put into your SATs - we wish you well at high school!!

Have a good summer break

Best wishes

Rebecca Ellams

Chair of Governors

## **How well did we do in 2016/17?**

**ATTAINMENT = the levels achieved in tests**

**EYFS Results – Good Level of Development (GLD)**

**GLD National 70%**

**GLD Weaverham Forest Primary School 70%**

**KS 1 Results**

**Nationally 64%** of children reached the new standard in reading, writing and maths **combined**.

**Weaverham Forest Primary School 70%** of children reached the new standard in reading, writing and maths **combined**.

**KS 2 Results**

**Nationally 61%** of children reached the new standard in reading, writing and maths **combined**.

**Weaverham Forest Primary School 68%** of children reached the new standard in reading, writing and maths **combined**.

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