

# LINDALE CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

## HEADTEACHER'S REPORT TO GOVERNORS

January 2019

### **Budget and funding**

The shared headship arrangement is supporting the budget, but as predicted we will end the year with an agreed deficit. This is predicted to be turned around during the next financial year. Increased Nursery numbers have meant some additional funding during the year. We have recently had 4 new children join school but they will not be reflected in increased funding until 2020-21. Our application to Healthy Capital Projects Fund (Sugar Tax projects) was successful and we were granted £11, 337. This is going to be used to improve the Reception outdoor area to create a larger flat surface, greater covered area and all weather grass (artificial) area. We have used the Formula Capital (2 years) ring fenced funding to paint the outside of school and at half-term will be painting the hall, including replacing the old doors. The remainder has been used to purchase a new interactive screen for Early Years. We have recently received a grant from Cartmel Old Grammar School fund for £500. This will go towards the development of the outdoor area. After School club continues to grow in numbers and we have now had to employ an additional member of staff each day.

### **Standards and Ofsted**

The Ofsted report following our inspection in October, reflected Ofsted's new focus on curriculum, with our target of Geography Fieldwork. We were pleased that despite relatively weak results in KS1 particularly in Reading and Writing over a couple of year that the inspector found that the children were in fact making 'good or better' progress. The draft new Ofsted Framework (Statutory from September 2019) is now published. Inspectors will make judgement on the following:

- Overall effectiveness
- The quality of education
- Behaviour and attitudes
- Personal development
- Leadership and management

The quality of education judgement in particular is very different to previous Ofsted schedules and focuses on curriculum intent, implementation and impact. Ofsted will no longer be looking at internal school data. Personal development on its own considers areas such as the school's wide work, physical and mental health and spiritual, moral, social and cultural development. This would previously have come under behaviour and attitudes.

It will be important to consider this document as staff and governors as we develop a new School Development plan going forward. It coincides with the new SIAMS church school inspection framework

which we will be inspected under at our next inspection. This also is very different to the previous framework and will need work on. In particular it asks schools to be very clear about their vision. It might be very helpful to re-visit our vision soon and involve all stake holders in a plan going forward.

### **Curriculum and provision**

The class structure put in place this year with KS2 split into 2 classes is working extremely well and with the new children having joined school, we currently have 63 children on roll including Nursery. Numbers are looking positive for Reception in September (8 that we already know of). The children all had the opportunity to take part in the production of Robin Hood at Christmas and to say whether they would like large, medium or small parts. We continue with our specialist teachers coming in for PE and French .

### **Staffing**

Karen Watson has continued as teacher for Year 3&4. Sarah Coulston is currently on Maternity Leave. Anna Snelson is working as an apprentice TA.

### **Staff development**

Kim Curwen has been successful getting on to CEPQH (Church of England Headship Qualification and is being fully funded by a trust fund through the Diocese including supply cover. We are again part of the Maths Hub. All teachers are visiting a school in Lancashire to observe Shanghai Maths being taught. I am going to the national Church of England Foundation for Educational Leadership conference in London, paid for by the Diocese. The theme for the conference is 'Rethinking Resilience' which fits very well into our school improvement priorities.

### **Behaviour and attendance**

Attendance is currently 95%. We have one pupil who is leaving to be home-schooled having only been in school very part time. This is affecting the overall figure.

### **Community**

St Paul's church is due to close at the end of this month. This will raise questions as to where school will celebrate the key festivals, whether we go to Grange (transport costs) or whether we do something in school. FOLS are working hard to support the school. They had a very successful raffle before Christmas and have a Bingo night and disco planned for the Spring Term. Outdoor play equipment and Glockenspiels were bought for school.

### **Buildings, Health and Safety**

We have a Health and Safety audit planned for 7<sup>th</sup> February. Kim Law has been working hard to prepare for this. There will be decorating taking place in the hall during half term. The work on the Reception outdoor area is scheduled for the Easter holidays.

**Child Protection**

No issues to report. I have updated both my Level 2 and Level 3 safeguarding certificates and attended a day training on Prevent with Cumbria Police. We are also now part of Operation Encompass; a scheme to notify us if there has been an incident with a family and a child was at home. We have had one O.E. call so far.