

End of Year Report of the Governors.

This year has been another successful year for the School.

Building on a Good Ofsted Report last year the school achieved excellent SATS results in 2018 and made progress across all subjects above the National average and well above for reading. This year we are very pleased to report that almost all Year 6 pupils reached or exceeded National expectations in reading, writing and mathematics and offer them our congratulations. They have shown that they have received a firm foundation in their learning journey at Charlesworth School and we wish them every success and happiness in their chosen secondary schools and beyond.

In other areas, the School is working towards 'Artsmark'; has been recognised as a deliverer of National Leadership training as part of the Collaboration of Glossop Schools and continues to provide training to other schools on emotional support for children. The school achieved the Derbyshire Healthy Schools Community Award and were runners-up in the Rotary Garden Competition.

The school is registered to take 140 children and continues to run according to its ethos of inclusivity, strong relationships and small class sizes. Currently a significant number of pupils have a range of difficulties that impact on their learning and with which they require specific help. The school has achieved an enviable reputation for treating each child as an individual and enabling them to perform to their own personal highest level. The school does this by operating a system which personalises each child's learning and pupils are given individual targets to reach within every aspect of their learning. This ensures that every child has to demonstrate that s/he has really understood a concept and can apply it appropriately.

We are fortunate to have a skilled and dedicated team of Teachers and Head teacher. The Teaching Assistants, under guidance from the Teachers, are also extremely skilled at helping small groups of children to fully understand and practice concepts to ensure they have a thorough grasp of their learning. The Governors wish to thank all the staff and volunteers for their dedication to the children and their skill in enabling children to work to their potential.

The school has seen many physical improvements this year. We are particularly indebted to the Friends of the School (FOCS) for all their efforts in raising money and for the amazing transformation of the playground at Top Site. The Pantomime which they staged was a really enjoyable sell-out. They are now hard at work planning changes to the outside space at the Lower Site.

We are also grateful to one of our caretakers, Graham, for painting the reception area at the Top Site and to both him and our other caretaker, Caroline, for keeping both Sites clean and hygienic.

The Governors are currently meeting fortnightly, along with a Local Authority representative, to progress the exciting proposals to extend the school experience to 3 years old children and to create a Foundation Unit at the Lower Site. The Governors are indebted to the parents who responded to the recent Consultation. All the responses have been thoughtfully considered and will be taken into account in the planning of the pre-school development. We are also considering expanding the out-of-school offer to develop wrap-around care and as a first stage in this process, we are currently looking at the feasibility of extending Breakfast Club hours.

As the coming months progress, you will see physical changes occur to the buildings. This work will be done in holiday periods as we update the environment and prepare for our new venture. We will keep you informed of any upcoming changes through a variety of means including a community conversation evening which we are planning to take place in the near future.

This year has seen a number of changes to the personnel within the Governing Body. In response to a request from a parent, please find a Governor Profile Document on the School web page www.charlesworth.derbyshire.sch.uk/governors-2/governor-newsletters

As the school is a Church School, we are due an inspection of our religious ethos and teaching (SIAMS Inspection) during the next school year. This inspection will form part of the overall OFSTED grading and we are aiming to achieve a Good or Outstanding rating in this inspection in order to maintain our Good rating in the next OFSTED inspection.

As part of our drive for continuous improvement we will be reviewing our current curriculum across all subjects to ensure that the way we apply it continues to meet the needs of every child in the context of our ethos and school community. We will keep you informed as to how this may impact on the way that the curriculum is taught.

The Governors would like to thank you all for your support of the school. We regard the school as a partnership of Governors, staff, parents and pupils and we aim to do all in our power to ensure that the Partnership remains effective.

We wish you all an enjoyable and safe summer break.

The Governing Body – Charlesworth Voluntary Controlled Primary School.