

**Report on Fawkham C.E. Primary 2019/20
for the Parish Council AGM – 26th March 2020**

I am pleased to report on another active year for the school, where we have continued to make the most of our premises and buildings to the benefit of the children and parents.

The school remains very popular, with many families from outside the village of Fawkham wishing to send their children to us. As demand for places (seventy-five applications for fifteen places) is so very high; we have clear admissions criteria that mirror that of KCC. Due to their close proximity to the school all families living in Fawkham who apply for school places here, are given them.

We have also had many requests, within year, to admit children in other year groups. We are full in all year groups and so have had to disappoint many families.

Throughout the year we have worked closely with our local schools to engage in staff development and projects to ultimately raise standards in all of our schools. We continue to work closely with New Ash Green Primary and West Kingsdown CE Primary in a Soft Federation, working together to achieve maximum impact on the learning of the children in all three schools. In addition we continue to work closely with Our Lady of Hartley Primary, Hartley Primary Academy, Langafel CE Primary, Sedleys CE Primary, Bean Primary, Darenth Primary, Longfield Academy and Milestone Academy.

Our school website is always being updated with all of our school news, do take a look, see:-

<http://www.fawkham.kent.sch.uk/index.html>

In our 'Noticeboard' section we share our newsletters and information about school activities, in our 'School Life' section there are photo galleries show all of our exciting events our 'Memories of Fawkham' section that includes past villagers writing about their experiences at our school and our log book histories being copied for everyone to read about our great history.

What has been your biggest achievement in the last 12 months?

- For the third consecutive year we are extremely proud that our Year Six children, last summer, achieved end of primary school SAT test results that place our school in the top 3% of all schools country wide, a wonderful achievement that reflects the children's love of learning and the excellent staff that teach them. These excellent progress measures between KS1 and KS2 place us in the top 3% of schools country wide. We received a letter from the Rt Hon Nick Gibb congratulating us on this wonderful achievement.

What have been your major concerns / issues in the last 12 months?

- We have had no major concerns/issues in the last year.

What are you most looking forward to in the next 12 months?

- A slight increase in budget for the school which will make a difference.

What issues / concerns should we be aware of in the next 12 months?

- There are no major issues or concerns.

In conclusion we have dedicated; high performing staff, an effective governing body, supportive parents and enthusiastic well behaved children as well as a healthy budget. As I always report, although school funding for the next few years may present the school with a number of challenges, the school I believe has a very firm future ahead at the heart of the village of Fawkham.

Kind regards,

Miss Mandy Bridges (Headteacher)