

**Report on Fawkham C.E. Primary 2021/22  
for the Parish Council AGM – 21<sup>st</sup> April 2022**

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 and through a very challenging period of time with the pandemic.

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 (sixty 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 most 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 new school website went live online on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2021, it holds a wealth of information and is updated regularly 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.

1. What do you feel are your biggest achievements over the past year?  
We have returned to normality following the huge impact of the Coronavirus pandemic. Children have relished being able to return to an exciting curriculum that gives them numerous opportunities to thrive and flourish through rich educational experiences. Being able to learn and play with their peers from across the school and reengage in a plethora of activities has seen the well-being for our children grow. Staff, governors and parents have also thoroughly enjoyed returning to our normal 'Fawkham Family' life and feel that we are all living life in all of it's fullness which is our vision:- Matthew 10:10 'I came, so that you may have life, life in all of its fullness.'
2. What are your key priorities for the next 12 months?  
To continue to offer an excellent level of education for all of the children in our 'Fawkham Family'.
3. What issues / concerns should we be aware of in the next 12 months?  
There are no particular issues, concerns at this time.

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)