

Trottscliffe Church of England Primary School

Report for Parish Council March 2018



Trottscliffe CEP School has continued to go from strength to strength this year and it is always an exciting place to be.

Achievements

Following on from our successful Ofsted Inspection last year where the school was again found to be a Good school, the school continued to tighten procedures and aim to raise standards further. The pupils achieved well in their end of year assessments, producing results at a higher standard than the county and national averages in each subject area. This is testimony to the hard work and dedication of the staff who are committed to ensuring the best outcomes for each of our pupils.

We are hoping to build upon these successes in the forthcoming assessment period however we continue to ensure that all pupils receive a well-rounded education during their time at the school. This was recognised in our Statutory Inspection as a Church School, which was undertaken in March 2018. We have just received the official report and we are pleased to announce we were judged to be an Outstanding Church School through this process.

Our commitment to making learning fun has meant pupils have been involved in a number of experiences such as Bikeability training, Science workshops, a Victorian sleepover, trips to Museum of Kent Life, workshops for writing, maths and debating, as well as participating in the Music@Malling concerts and the Festival of Light at Wrotham. 9 students also travelled further afield to Windmill Hill in Sussex for a 5 day residential trip which as always was rewarding and enjoyable for all involved. The school also involved all pupils in a Nativity play at Christmas and performed to two packed audiences in the school hall in December.

Our TSA continues to actively support all we do in school. They organised a fabulous summer fair last May and the date for this year's fair is June 9th which promises to be even bigger! They also organised the annual fireworks display, regular Bags2School clothing collections and a hugely successful Comedy Night. The school would like to thank members of the parish for their ongoing support for these school events as they raise much needed additional funds for the school which is desperately needed with the constant pressures on our squeezed budget as a small school.

Developments

The past twelve months have seen some changes to staffing and we were particularly sad to say goodbye to Mrs Collins in the summer. The school currently has 3 classes taught by Mr Hughes, Mrs Holmes & Miss Cornwall and Mrs Underwood. The number of pupils on roll is rising and we now have 75 pupils in school with 3 year groups over-subscribed.

Last summer a new secure fence was installed around the boundary of the school to ensure the safety and security of pupils. In addition to this, the school now has a more reliable provider for grounds maintenance meaning that the schools site is kept tidy as well as being attractive for all who visit. Volunteers also invested time in clearing the school pond area and developing a dedicated Forest School area with the grounds which are regularly used by pupils at the school.

Our latest development includes the launch of the school community farm project led by our new Chair of Governors, Dave Urmston. This is a very exciting opportunity for the pupils to study many aspects of the curriculum, with a hands on approach and we are looking forward to this project getting underway.

On behalf of the school may we thank the parish for all the support offered to the school and we hope we can continue to work in partnership in the coming year.

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