

Report to Parents from the Chair and Vice Chair of the Governing Body

This is the first annual report from the Chair of Governors outlining the work of the school and Governing Body over the past school year and sharing the major plans for the coming year.

Mrs Evans, the Senior Leadership Team and the Governing Body are determined to bring about improvement in all areas of school life to enable everyone in the school to reach their potential.

You will have noticed many changes around the school during Mrs Evans' first year as Headteacher. Initiatives such as keeping chickens and ducks help to make school an exciting and stimulating place to be and foster a love for learning. Children are encouraged to go 'above and beyond' what has been asked of them and are rewarded for their efforts by earning points for the new Houses, or with entry into the Gold Book. There is also a new class attendance reward, and the class with the highest attendance enjoyed a meal in Brentwood at the end of the summer term.

Government changes to assessment and SATs have led to the introduction of a new assessment system in school, which enables teachers to keep an even closer eye on the progress made by all children. We were pleased to see many parents and carers at the information sessions about assessment and SATs, parents' evenings, sports day and other opportunities to share in school life.

Warley Primary school children have continued to perform well in SATs. KS2 (Year 6) results were particularly strong in reading and maths, with KS1 (year 2) children returning impressive results in reading, maths and spelling, punctuation and grammar. The percentage of children reaching a Good Level of Development on leaving Reception has increased over the last three years, and they are well prepared for the move to Year 1. Congratulations to the pupils and staff for all their hard work.

Writing remains a focus across the school. A daily writing initiative for Reception children has produced encouraging results. Children in years 1 to 6 are enthusiastic about the 'Big Writing Adventures' scheme of work that was introduced in September 2015, and are making good progress. Governors will continue to monitor this closely.

Every school is under financial pressure, but astute budget management continues to allow for a fully resourced, exciting curriculum. Provision has also

been made for the installation of a fence around the 'dip' area of the playing field to ensure a secure PE area for the children. Planning permission for the fence is currently being sought. Other improvements to the school's outside area are also planned for this year.

We are pleased to welcome children and their families new to our school and hope that everyone has an exciting and successful year at Warley Primary School.

Ms Sian Evans

Mrs Gillian Bryant