



# Governors report to parents July 2015

**This report is designed to give you a general review of the year and an overview of the work done by the governors throughout 2014/15**

There have been many changes in both classes throughout the year. As well as delivering a new curriculum and a new assessment system both classes have had big staffing changes. Change can be a good thing but it can also be quite unsettling for pupils. It can also lead to concern from parents who are rightly anxious about their child's education. This could have been a difficult year.

What has become more and more apparent to all of our staff is just how supportive the parents of our pupils are of the school. We feel the parents have faith that we are doing the best we can for the children. I would like to thank you all for your support to our staff this year. The feeling that we are working together with parents is one of the reasons that the staff here enjoy their jobs so much. You have helped make this a very positive year for the children.

Mr Allen July 2015

## **Teaching arrangements for 2015/16**

**Class 1** will be taught by Mrs Jones for 4 days a week and Mrs Steinlechner 1 day a week, supported by Dani Sharpe. The arrangements in September will be similar to how they are now.

**Class 2** will be taught by Mrs Eames 3 days a week and Mr Allen 2 days a week. Louise Chapple will continue to support both teachers.

Mr Speed will be starting a new role teaching year 5 at Ilfracombe Junior School in September. We would like to thank Mr Speed for all his hard work over the last two terms and wish him every success in his new job.

We also would like to thank Mrs Evans for her work in Class One over the last few months as a temporary Teaching Assistant.

## **From the Resources Committee**

The resources committee would like to report that the school finished the financial year with an underspend that can be carried forward into this year. In 2015-16 the school is in a good financial position in what has been a difficult time for many schools. The future finances for the school look stable and the budget is continually monitored by the committee. We are awaiting the outcome of Devon County Council's push for fairer funding for Devon schools which may see an increase in our funding.

The committee can report that the project to purchase a piece of land adjacent to the school for use as a school field is nearing completion we are currently waiting for solicitors to send out contracts, and are hoping to exchange and complete before the new term. Of course once purchased the land will still need to be developed but we are hoping the children will be able to use it very soon. This year we have had £3419 pounds from the government as part of our Olympic Legacy PE money which we have put into this project.

**Pupil Premium** money will continue to be spent according to the needs of the individual children. Projects this year have included:

- Funded Music tuition including purchase of practice instruments
- Help for families to access all school activities such as the School Residential
- Funding for extra TA support in Reception

## PTFA

The PTFA have not been very active in 2015 and some of the activities for the children have not taken place. We would like to recruit more parents and friends to the PTFA in order to organise events for the school community and to raise funds. Please watch out for our first meeting next term.

## Primary Science Quality Mark

This year we have been pushing our science curriculum by working towards the Primary Science Quality Mark. This is a national award that recognises a schools commitment to teaching and learning high quality science. This project was put into action by Mrs Eames who is the science co-ordinator. The award has three levels gold, silver and bronze. We initially went for our bronze award with a view to building up to our silver and then gold awards. The committee judged our evidence and we are proud to say we have been awarded the Silver award in our first year!



I would like to thank all the staff for their efforts to ensure we have achieved this award. We are now a nationally recognised science school.

## The Governing Body

The Governing Body is responsible for the effective management of the schools resources and the standards achieved – this includes: the quality of education; appointing members of staff; buildings; health and safety; and financial matters.

The current governors are:

Joanna Gay	<b>Chair of Governors</b>
Graham Flack	<b>Vice Chair of Governors</b>
Jeremy Mills	<b>Co-opted Governor</b>
Jane Evans	<b>Parent Governor</b>
Monica Roberts	<b>Co-opted Governor</b>
Peter Bunch	<b>Co-opted Governor</b>
Louise Chapple	<b>Staff Governor</b>
Sally Jones	<b>Parent Governor</b>
Lorna Jones	<b>Parent Governor</b>
Jackie Holmes	<b>Clerk to the Governors</b>
Simon Allen	<b>Headteacher</b>