

Headteacher's Report to Governors September 2015

School data

	Number
Whole School (0-3 up to Year 6)	382
Pupil Premium	184
Free School Meals	132
Special Educational Needs	76
English as an Additional Language	117
More Able pupils	78
Looked After Children	5
Child Protection Plan	18
Child in Need	4
CAF (Common Assessment Framework)	9
Referrals to Social Care (since July)	2

Summer provision

During the seven week summer holidays we had activities and provided a lunch every day. The activities involved dance, music, sport, cookery, gardening, forest school, reading, family trips and visits to Whickham Thorns. 49 children accessed at least one session. We also linked in to other provision such as the Turf at St Johns and Scotswood Café. 45 vouchers were used at the Scotswood Café. Greggs donated the food for lunches.

Staffing

Mrs Pickering is due to return after half term, her class is currently being covered by Miss Pendlington. A teaching assistant has decided to leave and will be leaving at half term, this will be covered initially by supply.

Curriculum and Projects

All the year groups this year are following the new national curriculum and have moved away from using levels. Y6 have visited Nissan, Safety Works and have had a visit in preparation for writing the 'Our School' page in the Chronicle. All children in KS2 are having band in a box music sessions and are learning French & Italian. This week they are also learning some Mandarin in preparation for our visit next week from our Chinese partner school. Reception are visiting the bear factory to get their bear which will encourage good attendance. All classes have had a welcome back coffee morning and this week we are having two extra meetings for nursery parents to start filling in forms for next year's Reception classes.

Continuing Professional Development

At the beginning of term first aid training was completed by senior and support staff. Food hygiene training also took place as well as teaching and learning techniques including a programme to help deliver the new maths curriculum to Key Stage 2 called Abacus. Reggio Emilia, and TEAMTEACH training is planned for later this half term. Local Authority training on assessing reading and writing

has been attended by two teachers. Teachers have also moderated writing in light of new expectations in their year groups across the Trust.

Monitoring and Appraisals

All teaching staff have had their annual appraisal meeting to review last year's targets and set this year's. All support staff will also have their meetings over the next few weeks. All staff's targets support the Headteacher's targets and the whole school priorities. All classes have had 2 monitoring visits so far this half term to ensure children are settled and the environment are ready for learning. Initial pupil progress meetings are underway and all coordinators have discussed their action plans with the Headteacher. Mrs Stoker has also met with our two NQTs to start their programme of support and they are accessing the LA programme too.

Premises

Further painting and carpeting took place in school over the summer holidays and this will continue in the next two holidays. Additional signage and photographs have also been displayed. Windows in the roof were replaced and fencing put up. We still have some snagging jobs to be completed from the building work which we relentlessly chase up. We had a disability access survey and further fire survey at the end of the summer term. These reports will be discussed further at the finance committee.

School Improvement Plan & SEF – see priorities for 2015-16, further information will be tabled at the meeting and discussed in detail at the curriculum committee.

Data – see data booklet