

Headteacher's report to Governors 1st February 2016

Statistics

	2015	2016
Whole school figure	326 (0-11)	408
No. of FSM/PP	56%/70%	56%/
No of EAL	31% 13 languages	58% (53% incl 0-3) 20 languages
No. of SEN	19%	23%
More Able	32%	23%
No. of CP	10	19
No. of LAC	4	7
No. of referrals	4	2
No. of complaints	2	0
No. of CAFs	14 (10 other invol.)	3 (10 child in need)
Attendance	95.9%	95.9%

At the end of last term we were informed that we were on a list of 32 schools highlighted by Ofsted to the LA at risk of dropping a grade at our next inspection based on our 2015 data. As a consequence the current temporary Head of School Improvement, Dean Jackson visited the school on Wednesday January 13th. He had a tour of the school, looked in books and spoke to the senior staff and Chair of Governors. Copies of all our documentation were given to him. He seemed impressed and said he could see how an inspector could write an outstanding/good report about the school. He did not make any plans to return.

Staffing

We have seconded one of our teachers, who covered PPA time to Broadwood Primary to support with a long term absence issue. We are backfilling this post. The arrangement we currently have with Broadwood will be for the full academic year. A substantive Headteacher has been appointed but it will not be taking up the post until September.

A member of our support staff remains on long term sick and we are supporting this member of staff in a number of ways including occupational health. At a recent staffing committee it was agreed to dismiss one of our lunchtime supervisors who is not able to return to work due to ill health.

We continue to have a number of our children with high levels of SEND supported 1-1 using long term supply. We need to remain flexible in our staffing for these children as some may need specialist provision. We are currently recruiting for a SEN teaching assistant and teaching assistant.

Premises

Further painting work continued during the Christmas holidays and will be completed at half term. Drainage is an issue for our outdoor area and we are working with the house builders to hopefully rectify this. We have started to plant some additional bushes too in the hope that this will also help.

Monitoring and CPD

This half term there is a focus on monitoring planning, provision for vulnerable groups and Geography. As a result of phonics monitoring earlier this term, classes are having two phonics sessions per day. Governors came to a School Improvement Plan monitoring afternoon last week and were able to see the impact our enhanced facilities are having on our children's learning. They were also able to question the senior staff on the impact of their actions on the school's priorities. Governors were also able to sit in on a Y2 parents workshop about SATs. There were over 30 parents at the meeting which is an overwhelming number compared to previous events of this kind.

2 staff are attending the outstanding teaching programme this half term. Our maths coordinator attended an Ofsted Maths course and the Headteacher has attended a course on the data dashboard. A number of staff have also attended assessment training.

SIP & SEF to be discussed at the curriculum committee and tabled at the meeting. – The judgements remain outstanding in all areas, verified by our Achievement Partner and all actions within our school Improvement Plan are taking place and having an impact on our priorities.

Data for Autumn term

	Previous Year			2015 data			current data			
	R	W	M	R	W	M		R	W	M
							Y1	76%	70%	82%
Y1	41% GLD=31.1% (41%)	29%	33%	51%	44%	44%	Y2	72%	74%	74%
Y2							Y3	68%	68%	68%
Y3	39%	0	29%	67%	57%	77%	Y4	77%	77%	77%
Y4	8.3%	0	0	63%	53%	67%	Y5	77%	68%	87%
Y5	75%	0	29%.	87%	77%	70%	Y6	90%	87%	90%

Current Y6: Reading – 54% achieved 2b, further 21% 2c = 75%, 90% on target

Writing – 50% achieved 2b, further 18% 2c = 68%, 87% on target

Maths – 61% achieved a 2b, further 14% 2c = 75%, 90% on target

Curriculum and projects

We are continuing to have artists come in to school to work with the children on our Newcastle Reggio project as well as trips out to see different parts of the city. We also have an author visit by Vivian French next month and Y6 are currently reading her latest novel Robe of Skulls. Y2 and Y6 are working hard towards their SATs.

Trust update and Academisation discussion

Last Monday we had the second Trust staff event at the Discovery museum. The theme was aspiration and it included talks from the Art of Brilliance and Sir John Jones. Sir John Jones was an inspirational speaker. You can catch him on You tube if you get the chance. Feedback from all the staff was very positive.

All the working parties are meeting regularly and the Executive Group are currently reviewing the Business Plan. We have also looked in to whether forming a Multi Academy Trust is something we should consider as well as talking to Northern Education Trust. This needs to be discussed by all Governing Bodies. At the moment we still have a choice about what we do although the Government has said they want all schools to be academies by 2020. The other consideration is the diminished Local Authority and School Improvement Service. We need to set aside some time in the meeting to discuss this important issue.