**Headteacher’s report to Governors October 2017**

**September 2017 figures:**

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|  | **2016** | **2017** |
| **Whole school** | **437** | **437** |
| **Pupil Premium** | **184** | **162** |
| **Free School Meals** | **149** | **211** |
| **SEN** | **90** | **108** |
| **English as an Additional Language** | **151** | **178** |
| **More Able** | **69** | **74** |
| **Looked After Children** | **3** | **3** |
| **Child Protection Plans** | **5** | **5** |
| **Child in Need/social care involvement** | **16** | **8** |
| **CAF/Early help plans** | **2** | **3** |
| **Referrals to Social Care** | **6** | **1** |

The figures above show the school has maintained its size despite Reception having fewer children than we would like and 0-3. Nursery and Y2 are almost full. Y5 have the most spaces.

Our summer programme proved a huge success again this year with something going on every day of the holidays. The ‘holiday hunger’ funding allowed us to offer a wider range of activities and engage more families.(see separate report)

**Celebrations:**

We celebrated Roald Dahl Day again this year and many year groups chose a Roald Dahl book as their first class reader of the year. Centre for Life tickets have been given to children with good attendance this term so far.

**Curriculum:**

Y5 are taking part in a Newcastle History project with Newcastle Museums and Newcastle University. Y4 and Y5 are also finding out about the history of Hodgkin Park. Y6 have visited Safety Woks. ‘In Harmony’ staff have visited school along with a quartet from the Royal Northern Sinfonia ahead of us starting the project after half term, we were also on the BBC News.

We have also elected our new School Council and they have already had their first meeting.

**Continuing Professional Development and Appraisals**

Early Years staff have had training from the LA Consultant on outdoor learning and from our Tracking for Success Coach. KS1 and 2 staff have had training in Mastery across the curriculum. All staff have also had ADHD training. Our Y6 teacher has had training to support writing. We have our Vision Day planned for this Friday (6th October). 3 staff have met with Ruth Miskin ahead of our second year of being involved in the EEF Read Write Inc project and our consultant has visited twice. The Head teacher has had Achievement Partner training through the LA as well as mentoring the new Head at Milecastle Primary School. Y5 and Y6 have had a Science day and our computing consultant has been working with Y1-Y3.

The Headteacher’s Appraisal has taken place and targets were set linked to the school priorities. Following this all teachers have had their annual appraisal meeting with recommendations where appropriate for pay progression. All coordinators have had their action plan meetings and the first pupil progress meetings are taking place. Support staff appraisals will start before the end of this half term.

**Staffing**: We have two new members of staff in Y5 and a TA apprentice. We have four staff on supply supporting SEND children.

**Premises**: During the summer we had some windows replaced, painting done and some carpeting/flooring replaced .

**Data**: see Summer 2017 data report

**SEF/SIP** : see 4 main priorities documents – full report will be tabled at the meeting.

See **Pupil premium strategy 2017. PE premium report will be finalised by the end of this half term,** the Government has increased the funding and we are spending this on additional coaches for in school and out of school provision, skipping training for the whole school and increased swimming.

**Budget:** At the moment there is a projected shortfall in our 0-3 traded account so we are reviewing staffing and looking to promote the service further. The rest of the budget is on track but we need a £78 thousand contingency to set next year’s budget, which we were aware of when we set this year’s budget. Additional funding received for 30 hour childcare, holiday hunger projects will and staffing changes will help us achieve this.

**Trust:** We have supported anotherChildren’s Community Stakeholder event at Newcastle University. A suggestion was made for it to link to the Community Family hub. Questionnaires are to be distributed to look gather information about stakeholder views and what we all deliver already in the west end. The middle leaders community group and network meetings have started as well as the STEPs program for parents.

Big Challenge fund raising event organised by FOB is on Friday Oct 13th and involves colleagues from Iraq some of whom are visiting school on that day. We are raising money to continue our counselling provision.

Policies reviewed this term: Assessment and Feedback, Pay Policy, all risk assessments have been reviewed, Admission policy, Business Continuity Plan and Emergency plan.