

Corbridge Church of England First School

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Dear Parents & Carers

13 July 2015

REPORT TO PARENTS JULY 2015

As our 2014-15 school year comes to a close I would like to thank you all for your support and positive feedback during my first year as Headteacher. It is so rewarding for all the staff who work so hard to make Corbridge First School the best it can be. I have really appreciated parents sharing any worries or concerns with me as this has allowed me to address them quickly. Equally the positive feedback is very welcome.

Throughout the year we have celebrated the children's many academic achievements and we are delighted to welcome confident, happy children into school every day which is as important in achieving our vision and aims.

In response to the parent survey completed in October 2015 the following actions were taken:

- Governors attended parents' evenings, offering appointments and being named within the school website to ensure parents know who the governors are and the skills they bring to managing the school.
- Weekly newsletters, increased promotion of the Parentmail system and calendar dates all being shared through the school website to improve communication.
- Interim reports were produced and pupil targets shared to ensure parents could support their children's learning and understand their progress.
- Support has been provided for families and children relating to academic, health and emotional issues.
- Swimming provision has been reviewed and reintroduced at Key Stage 2.
- The induction process for Early Years (nursery and reception) was reviewed and a new very successful induction programme was introduced.
- Incident reports are created for any inappropriate behaviour and parents are made aware of any difficulties their children are facing to ensure we work together to support the children to be the best they can be.
- Additional after school clubs were introduced including:
ICT club, Eco club, Choir / Drama club, Dance, Archery, Karate, Tennis, French and Football.

KEY AREAS FOR 2015-16

Homework

It is difficult to strike a balance for all families, as some feel too much homework is given whereas others feel they would like to get more involved in working with their children at home. Our aim for 2015-16 is to reinforce a consistent approach across all year groups. If you would like further ideas to help support your children I would encourage you to meet with the class teacher to receive some specific support ideas for your child. This has worked well this year.

Anti-Bullying Award

During the year, as in every school, a small number of children have experienced friendship problems. Identified issues have been managed well and with parent support resulted in positive outcomes for the children. In recognition of how we support and manage friendship issues and our clear expectations, we will achieve the Anti-Bullying Award for 2015-16.

Again, many thanks for your part in a wonderful year for Corbridge Church of England First School.

I wish you all a happy and safe summer break and I will look forward to welcoming the children back refreshed and ready for a new school year in September 2015.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Ainsley'.

Miss J Ainsley
Headteacher