

The Governing Body of Huby (CE) Primary School

Annual report to parents.

Huby school has continued to progress and the children say they are happy and feel safe in school. We are encouraging them to articulate Christian values and to demonstrate those values in their daily life.

You will be aware of a countrywide drive to improve children's resilience and create in them a positive mindset. We encourage this mindset, but success depends on family and community attitudes too. The world is changing rapidly and on-line safety is an increasingly worrying aspect of modern life. Sadly, even primary schools now have to be vigilant and we regularly work with pupils and parents on the need to be aware of the possible dangers of on-line activities.

They are ably led by Headteacher, Mrs Booth, who is determined to keep standards high, while at the same time, nurturing the whole child in the Christian values of trust, love and forgiveness.

The governors work hard. They have a wide range of experience and skills and willing to give their time voluntarily to ensure the primary school children of Huby have the very best possible start to their education. They have roles as class governors, are on various committees, attend full governor meetings and act as volunteers for school trips, events and many more. We try to be as involved as our time allows so that we gain a full understanding of school life and can offer support, encouragement and be a critical friend. We have new governors on our team bringing new skills and new ideas, and we welcome their input and enthusiasm.

Attached are the individual reports from each of the committees explaining how they have supported the School over the last year.

We look forward to another successful year.

Together We Achieve.

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Chair of Governors

Finance and Resources

The finance and resources Governing Body subcommittee ensure that the funds allocated to the school are used to maximise the children's learning and experiences. School funding is tight and we have to fight hard for any additional funds for pupils with additional needs. All this means hours of phone calls, form filling and tenacity from our Headteacher and I congratulate Mrs Booth on the example she sets. Annually, the committee question how they have "added value" for the School. These are the outcomes as a result of the team's discussions and decisions this year:

- continued careful financial control
- retention of 4 full time classes, each with a teaching assistant
- organisation of small class sizes throughout the school creating a beneficial teacher to pupil ratio whilst offering the flexibility for more children to attend their local school if they move into the village
- utilising capital account funds for development of the car park and fences
- staff professional development and courses to ensure quality teaching
- continued membership of the North Star teaching alliance to maximise sharing of best practices
- pupil premium and SEN funding appropriated to ensure all learners are provided with personalised learning support

- ensuring sports funding is used to create a legacy of life long interest in PE whilst upskilling staff in new areas.

Health and Safety

The health and safety committee continue to review all of the school's practices, procedures and property to ensure all children are safe during school time. In addition to the usual annual checks and risk assessments, this year the school has put in a new pool liner which ensures the children will be able to swim at Huby for many more years. The property is well maintained and accidents and near misses with the children are rare due to the high standards of health and safety seen at all levels within school.

Curriculum

The curriculum committee have continued to support and monitor the progress and impact of teaching and learning across all subjects. Over the last twelve months the focus has been on how the school ensures the curriculum is a bespoke design for each class, as well as continuing to remain broad and balanced and that high expectations are seen across all subject areas.

The committee performed a variety of roles this year including:

Book Scrutiny – the committee regularly looked at marking from a selection of books across all year groups to ensure consistency across classes. Pupil progress can clearly be seen by tracking the formal assessments and attainment measures.

Learning walks: governors have observed a range of stimulating and exciting displays throughout the school which celebrate the pupils' work and which have supported the children in their topic work.

Lesson Involvement - governors have continued to participate in lessons throughout the school and listen to pupils' views. Governors have also been looking at how effectively the new chrome books are being used in the classroom.

Results this year have continued to be very good with Key Stage 2 results above the National Average across all areas. Similarly results for Key Stage 1 were pleasing with 90% achieving expected standard or above. The school achieved a 100% pass rate in the phonics check.