

Corvedale CE Primary School

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Dear Parents

As we approach the end of another academic year the school is in a good place with increased pupil numbers projected for September. The Governing Body has been at full strength but we are losing Mike Radford in the summer and we will be seeking a new Foundation Governor for September. We would like to thank Mike for the high quality of input he brought to Governors' decision making and his work as Link Literacy Governor.

Strategically, we are still looking at the long term problem of the school's playground and its dual role as the Diddlebury Village Hall car park, and will be working with all interested parties to implement a village hall parking scheme to increase safety at the start and end of the school day. We are also still in discussions with the Corvedale Centre for Children's Committee over how we can help in securing its long term future.

As previously advised we are exploring the options open to us when we need to go down the academy route. As a church school our options are centred on the Bishop Anthony Educational Trust which has been set up by the Diocese of Hereford. At present the probable route remains being part of a Ludlow hub within the trust. Prior to any moves to becoming an academy we would engage in a full consultation with all our parents.

As well as strategic planning the Governing Body, through its Standards Committee and Resources Committee, has carried out the full range of activities needed to ensure that the school moves forward academically with the necessary resources both human and material in place to enable it to do so.

Each half term the Standards Committee reviews the school's academic data against Key Improvement Indicators and our initial 2017 Key Stage results indicate that the measures we put in place regarding staffing and new resources have been effective, with a well done to Mr Brough and the staff from us for a lot of hard work to achieve this.

The Resources Committee have a rolling programme which looks at the fabric of the building, staffing needs, Health & Safety issues, safeguarding and the provision of material resources against cost effective criteria. We have once more balanced our budget but actually face staffing cost challenges due to increased pupil numbers to balance class sizes. In addressing this we will always put effective teaching priorities first.

Work on the website, which should serve as your main information resource, is ongoing via a new provider.

As well as moving to the management of our own meals we have triggered resources which will enable us to completely revamp the kitchen. A full Governor Impact Statement based on the previous year's work will be available following our November Full Governors Meeting.

Once again we would like to thank all those who have contributed to another successful and happy year for the pupils of Corvedale Primary School, with particular regards to those like SOCS, under its new leadership and the volunteers in school who freely give of their own time. We hope everyone has a good summer break and we look forward to seeing everyone again in September. On a personal note I would like to once again thank my fellow Governors for their support and to acknowledge the enormous amount of their own time and effort that they put into driving the school forward.

D. Hedgley. On behalf of the Governing Body.