



Brooke VC CE Primary School

High Green
Brooke
Norwich
Norfolk
NR15 1HP

Learning together, achieving together, growing together in God's love

20 July 2016

Dear Parents/Carers,

Brooke School Governors' Annual Report 2016

It's been another busy year here at Brooke School, and not just for our dedicated team of teaching and support staff or our fantastic pupils, but for the governing body too!

Our governors are all volunteers who provide their time and experience freely in order to support and improve the pupils' teaching and learning experience and also in support of our staff and headteacher. The following letter is a summary of the work we have done in our capacity as a Full Governing Body.

Play Area Grand Opening – On the back of our successful crowdfunding campaign the new play area was installed during August 2015 and officially opened in October (although the pupils did get a chance to use it before then!). It has been an amazing success and made a big difference to all of the pupils at the school and other improvements to the lunch arrangements have also been made to ensure all pupils have an opportunity to enjoy the new facility. A big thank you to all that contributed and were involved in making this happen.

School Meals – Our catering team continue to deliver fantastic results from the school kitchen installed last year. The menu is updated regularly based on feedback from both pupils and parents, the world theme days have also been extremely popular. Many thanks to the team for their hard work and dedication.

Parent Survey – We appreciate the amount of feedback we receive when we ask for survey responses and this year was no exception. The survey this year was focused on enabling the governing body to support the school in the ongoing challenge of pupil numbers through the development of some more targeted marketing activities and materials and we appreciate your views on what the school does well and areas we can improve. We are aware that you would also all like to hear more news about the long-awaited new school project but unfortunately at this time, due to the sensitive nature of any new development activity, we cannot provide any further update. We are hopeful however that we will have more news to share with you at the start of the new school year in September.

Contd.

Headteacher
Mr D Robinson

email office@brooke.norfolk.sch.uk
web www.brooke.norfolk.sch.uk

Tel: 01508 550419
Fax: 01508 558754

Touchscreen Display Equipment – The headteacher and I attended the BETT Technology fair earlier in the year and were fortunate enough to win a touchscreen display for one of the classrooms. After much deliberation and with a significant contribution from the PTFA team we were able to provide new screens for all of the classrooms to replace the rather old projectors. These have been well received and enjoyed by both pupils and staff. I'd also like to thank the PTFA (Kate Barmby, Louise Banning, Katharine Danks – all new recruits this year!) for their contribution without which this would have not been possible.

Federation & Academies – The governing body continues to research and investigate the opportunities available to the school to join forces with other Schools or Academies that have similar ethos and values as Brooke School. At this time we are taking a measured approach and waiting for some stability following quite a rush of schools taking action following the government's initial decision to ensure all schools became academies or part of academy trusts. We will continue to keep you informed of any further developments.

SATs results – This year has seen significant upheaval in the assessment and measurement of pupil performance, including some assessment for our Key Stage 1 pupils as well as those in Key Stage 2. Due to this significant shift in assessment standards it is not possible to compare performance against previous years, but I am delighted to say that Brooke School continues to deliver excellent results that in most cases are considerably better than the national average. We would like to congratulate all our pupils and staff for their dedication and hard work!

Staff Changes – There have been a number of joiners and leavers amongst our dedicated staff this year and we would like to say a big thank you to those that are leaving us and a warm welcome to our new starters who we look forward to meeting in September. We will also be recruiting an additional parent governor at the start of the new term & will provide further details of the process in September.

I hope that you all have a fantastic summer break!

With best wishes,

Jeremy Chaplin

Chair of Governors

On behalf of Brooke VC CofE Primary School Governing Body