**Governors’ End of Year Achievements and Highlights 2016**

Each year we select some events and achievements that have been the highlights of the year and made us proud of our school.

* Celebrating the Queen’s 90th Birthday with friends, relatives and neighbours
* Breaking a World Record for the largest ever Reading Lesson
* Receiving a Gold Award for PE and School Sports (again!) and the first school in the High Peak to receive the award (again!)
* Participating in a host of sporting activities including golf, dance, cheer, football, table tennis, basketball, cricket, circus skills, assault courses, cycling, archery all culminating in the sporting event of the year – Sports Day
* Learning outdoors with Muddy Mondays, Welly Wednesdays, Cooking on Fire, caring for our environment on Climate Day and exploring the great outdoors at Whitehall
* Being arty with Take 1 Picture and the Grow Wild Project
* Getting hands on at our Mad Science Day
* Being creative with our writing when we take part in our whole school literacy projects and the Thank You Letter Competition
* Performing in front of an audience at Young Voices, in our Brass Band Concert, class topic assemblies, the Christmas play, Cheerfest and Cheer Competitions
* Spending time at our churches (URC and Christ Church) celebrating Christianity and learning about many other faiths in our RE lessons
* Enjoying a whole school trip to Tatton Park
* Taking part in village events (Tintwistle Show, Well Dressing, Tintwistle Gala)
* Raising money for charity – Save the Children’s Christmas Jumper Day, Children in Need and Sports Relief

Thank you to all those who responded to our parent survey, full results can be found on the website soon. 100% would recommend our school to other people, which I hope is a testament to what we have been doing over the past year.

**Academic Results**

As well as enjoying lots of amazing experiences in school you’ll be relieved to hear that our pupils also work very hard in class. Congratulations to all the Y6 children who completed their Key Stage 2 SATS and well done to Mrs Vitti and all the staff for keeping them focused and determined. This year presented fresh challenges: a different grading system\*; new topics and harder questions but despite all these changes we did incredibly well.

* 100% met the standard in Reading (66% nationally)
* 82% Writing (74% nationally)
* 88% Spelling and Grammar (72%)
* 94% Maths (70%)
* 82% met the standard in Reading, Writing & Maths (53% nationally)

\*Scaled scores replace “levels”. To meet government expectations, pupils must achieve 100 in their scaled scores. What marks the 100 score equates to will differ for each paper (maths; reading; grammar, punctuation and spelling).

KS1 SATS have also been subject to change and we currently only have data for our school, no national data is available yet. We now assess pupils in terms of whether or not they are working at the expected level in a subject, and again the government sets these standards.

* Reading - 75% working at, or above expected level
* Writing 65%
* Maths 69%
* 83% passed the phonics screening test

Staff do their very best to ensure that pupils are not placed under undue pressure, but SATS are important – for the children who put the effort in, for parents who want to know their child’s attainment, and for the staff and Governing Body who are accountable to you.

***Looking forward***

We will continue to prioritise attainment and pupil progress ensuring all our children have an opportunity to learn and reach their full potential. Next year we are focusing on outdoor learning and will continue to plan whole school creative topics, like *The Day the Crayons Quit*, as they proved so successful this year. More details about our school’s priorities will follow in the next governor newsletter in October.

We are pleased to continue to offer wrap around childcare in the form of the breakfast and after school club (74% of parents say it is very important that we provide this service). Thank you to Miss Crookes and Miss Smith-Lowe for staffing these clubs. We’d also like to thank Liz Winchcombe, Ruth Elder and Jemma Hall for running our mums and tots sessions on Thursday mornings.

We’re looking forward to welcoming a new Class 3 teacher, Mr Wood who will be covering Miss Crowe’s maternity leave. We have also appointed two new Teaching Assistants, Mrs Corkin and Mrs Bilidt. We will be saying a fond farewell to Mrs Spalding who retires after many years working at Tintwistle Primary School, she will be greatly missed.

The PTA raised £1,120 with film nights, cake sale, gala stall, non-uniform days, BBQ, Christmas fair and easyfundraising.org.uk. These funds paid for a pantomime, Christmas presents, leavers’ party, Queen’s Birthday tea and £100 for each class to spend. Thank you to everyone who organised and supported these activities.

Lastly, we’d like to wish our Year 6 pupils all the best in High School, we’re sure they will continue to make us proud.

Have a fabulous summer

*Vicky Mullis Chair of Governors*on behalf of the Governing Body

***If you ever wondered what Governors do:***

The Governing Body is made up of a mixture of volunteers - parents, staff and church representatives. We meet as a team three times a year and more regularly in our committees - personnel, finance & premises and pupils & learning. Our aim is to work closely with the head teacher to raise standards and make sure the school provides a good quality education. We do not manage the day to day running of the school; we help shape its focus and direction. We ensure accountability to parents, staff and others for the school’s overall performance, support the Head and staff as well as offer constructive challenge.