



# Aldingbourne Primary School

## Governors' Annual Report to Parents

For the year  
September 2015 to  
September 2016

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help from some of our wonderful children and  
our dedicated Governing Body.

Many thanks to Alane Dixon for the fantastic photos!

# Welcome to the Governors Report 2015/16

## Who are the Governors?

The Governors of Aidingbourne School are various people who have been appointed over the years to ensure that the children at Aidingbourne are given every opportunity to fulfill their potential. Some of us are parents of children at the school and some are not. We're all different – and that's the whole point, because we are all able to help the School in different ways due to our variety of experience. We all have our own reasons for joining the Governing Body, but we are united in our efforts to continue to develop and improve the school.



## What do the Governors do?

Between us, we commit a great deal of time and energy to fulfilling our statutory responsibilities. We all sit on one of the key committees, the Finance and Staffing Committee, the Premises Committee or the Curriculum Committee. In addition we are all linked to a class and try to spend some time each year with the class. We are also linked to a curriculum subject area and make time each year to talk to the staff member that co-ordinates that subject so that we may keep informed of progress.

## How can I contact a Governor?

We genuinely welcome contact with parents, and are always open to suggestions and constructive feedback. So please try to attend this year's Meet the Governors Meeting on Wednesday 14th September at 6.00pm. This is your opportunity to discuss and question the work of the Governing Body, Headteacher or Local Authority, and to discuss specific issues raised in this report. We are very keen to hear your views so PLEASE come along.

At any other time, if you need to contact a governor you can do this by writing to the governor concerned c/o the school or you can contact the newly appointed Chairman of Governors directly.

The Chairman of the Governors is: Mr Andy Kyte  
1 The Oaks  
Hook Lane  
Chichester

The Clerk to the Governors is: Mrs Diane Johnson  
C/o Aidingbourne Primary School



# MEET OUR GOVERNORS

Here are the Governors who have supported our school so well over the last year....



**Kevin Ürsell**  
CHAIR OF PREMISES  
COMMITTEE



**Jamie Riggs**  
PARENT GOVERNOR  
CURRICULUM  
COMMITTEE



**Andy Kyte**  
CHAIRMAN OF  
GOVERNORS



**Michael Smith**  
CURRICULUM  
COMMITTEE



**Nicky Goff**  
PARENT GOVERNOR  
PREMISES  
COMMITTEE &  
VICE CHAIR



**Gemma Corbett**  
CHAIR OF CURRICULUM  
COMMITTEE



**Andrew Clegg**  
CHAIR OF  
FINANCE COMMITTEE

# MEET OUR GOVERNORS



Nicola Hollingworth  
FINANCE COMMITTEE



Liz Webster  
HEADTEACHER  
ALL COMMITTEES



Rebecca Peters  
LA GOVERNOR  
CURRICULUM  
COMMITTEE



Andrew Reeves  
PREMISES  
COMMITTEE



Sue Reed  
FINANCE COMMITTEE



Ian Davidson  
PREMISES  
COMMITTEE



# MEET OUR TEAM

The Governors would like to express their thanks to every single member of our team who work tirelessly to make sure the children of Aldingbourne School receive the best possible start to their school life. But what do the children think?.....

**GOVERNORS**  
"Our fantastic Governors have to come to long meetings and make decisions about important things."



**HEADTEACHER**  
"We love our crazy Headteacher, Miss Webster. She works really hard, is lots of fun and has a really cool car."



**TEACHERS**  
"Our teachers are great. They make everything fun and are a little bit crazy!"



**TEACHING ASSISTANTS**  
"Our teaching assistants are amazing. They are always jolly and help us with our work. We love them."



**DINNER LADIES**  
"Our lovely dinner ladies make sure we are eating nicely and quietly. They sometimes steal our crisps too!"





# MEET OUR TEAM



**GROUNDFORCE**  
"Mr & Mrs Ladd keep our school tidy and fix anything that breaks. They are wonderful at gardening."



**OFFICE STAFF**  
"If we are ill or hurt we go to the office for help. They also phone our mummies when we have forgotten things!"



**CARETAKER**  
"Ian is amazing. He makes sure our school is in good working order. He is also very silly and likes to play tricks on the teachers!"



**CLEANERS**  
"The lovely cleaners are always happy and make the school look spick and span for us everyday."

# OUR GOVERNORS' ACHIEVEMENTS

Each of our Governors sits on one of three key committees:

- The Premises Committee
- The Curriculum Committee
- The Finance and Staffing Committee.

Each of these committees meets once every half term with our Headteacher, Miss Webster, and Clerk to the Governors, Mrs Johnson. We use these meetings to pool new ideas, make decisions and give advice where needed to Miss Webster regarding the continued development and improvement of our already highly successful school.

So...what has each of our key committees helped to achieve this year? Here are some of the highlights reported by the Chairperson of each committee...

## OUR CURRICULUM COMMITTEE



Following the recent changes to the curriculum, this year has been centred around ensuring that it is being fully implemented across the school and also preparing staff and children for the new assessment and moderation procedures. As a staff we have worked together to find a way to include all of the new and challenging learning goals, whilst maintaining our fun and diverse curriculum.

We have been working closely with our local cluster schools to develop our understanding of the new requirements. This has proved a very valuable resource and building this support network has been vital. This, coupled with termly in house moderation by Mrs Reed, has meant that staff now feel confident about making judgements based on this new and very challenging curriculum.



Another of our priorities this year was to bridge the gap between creativity and evidence collecting. Last year, the staff felt that they had become bogged down by trying to find opportunities to collect evidence and had slightly lost sight of the wonderful creative teaching that Aldingbourne holds dear. Teachers were observed in the Autumn Term with this as a focus and all showed that this balance had certainly been restored. The children at Aldingbourne are fully engaged in their learning at all points of the lesson and make good progress throughout due to the hard work and dedication of the teachers.



By Gemma Corbett, Chair of Curriculum Committee



# OUR PREMISES COMMITTEE



Everyone associated with our fantastic school should feel very proud. The school continues to promote a wonderful, exuberant learning environment for the children both inside and outside within the play areas.

The bright, positive atmosphere created is so important and encourages the children to fulfill their imaginative and creative potential within their learning.

Considering that the school was built in the 1970's, school visitors both young and old continue to express their amazement about the bright, energetic, modern atmosphere that the school has created.

Despite the school budgets continually being cut back by government, the dedicated and innovative management team should feel proud of overseeing the progression of a number of planned school projects. Mr Davidson, our friendly dedicated school caretaker, along with the amazingly dedicated PTA, also contribute vital roles and should feel very proud of their contributions towards the projects.

It is the Premises Committee's role to balance the upgrading, improving the actual fabric of the building as well as ensuring that our children and staff have a safe and exuberant learning environment. With the help of the Management Team and PTA we have completed the following projects this year:

- Outdoor Tunnelling area
- New school roof
- New kitchen area



Future projects planned:

- Replacing the existing castle
- Science garden
- Extend the patio area outside the new kitchen
- Refurbish the existing playground surface
- Reinstatement of school field used as access for the recent building works
- 3G surface/all weather pitch



As always a massive thank you to everyone who commits their time, energy, enthusiasm and dedication in keeping Aldingbourne school looking superb. If you have any ideas or suggestions about any further improvements you would like to see in and around the school, please do not hesitate to contact a member of staff or one of the governing body members.

By Kevin Ursell, Chair of Premises Committee

# OUR FINANCE AND STAFFING COMMITTEE

This was my first year as Chair of the Finance and Staffing committee and I'm delighted to report another successful year managing the school's finances within the funds allocated by the local authority. The mandate for the budget provided is to ensure that we spend the funds on the children in the school at that time, which equates to approximately £100.00 per pupil per week in school and for this we provide for each child:

- An outstanding education delivered by motivated and committed staff at every level throughout the school, supported by our wonderful TA's.
- A safe and secure environment that is constantly improved each year
- Access to books, resources and supporting infrastructure that set our school apart and represents what many other local schools aspire to achieve

The evidence of our amazing school's success can be seen in the academic results that the children continue to achieve, their conduct within the school as good citizens, and the enthusiasm in which all involved approach every aspect of daily school life. I would also like to recognise Miss Webster's NLE achievement and our school's NSS status, a true testament to the hard work from all the stakeholders. Over the last year, there has been huge investment in the school, most notably the building of a dedicated kitchen to support the introduction of hot school meals and the massive roofing project to ensure the future integrity of the school's building.

Additionally, we've seen investment in the environmental area and decorating of the caving wall. During the summer holidays, we are planning to build a new bin store to house the current bins along with the new bin, re: hot meal waste. We're also planning a new container to house the grounds maintenance equipment.... and for the children's playground, a brand new castle!



None of this would be possible without the astute planning and management by Miss Webster and Diane Johnson, our excellent Bursar, who prepare the budget, and the small team of governors who give up their time on a termly basis to monitor expenditure and provide guidance and support to ensure all funds spend meet the schools objectives in the best interest of the children.

The governors would also like to take this opportunity to thank all of you wonderful parents who, through the money you continue to raise by attending the PTA events, make such a difference to what we are able to provide for the children.

By Andrew Clegg, Chair of Finance & Staffing Committee



# CHARITY WORK



As a school, we work hard to raise money for good causes, in turn heightening the children's awareness of the importance of helping others. This year the school has worked really hard to raise money for:

Cancer Research	£305.82
Denim for Diabetes	£230.31
Children in Need (Super hero day)	£222.14
British Heart Foundation (Ultimate Dodgeball)	£95.00



In addition to the above specific amounts, children in Year 6 and parent helpers distribute the **harvest gifts** provided at the Harvest Service to senior citizens in the community. At Christmas time, our school Council, the MCM, organised a collection of items to donate to the **Romania Shoebox Appeal**.



The Year 6 children also hold their own **Enterprise Day** in which they have to work in groups to set up a business and try to make a profit. This was a great opportunity to teach our older children about financial management. They raised a staggering **£326.94**. They used this money to choose and buy a selection of toys which they donated to the Wave 105 Mission Christmas appeal. **WOW!**



# THANKYOU TO OUR PTA



On behalf of the children, parents and staff of our school the Governors would like to say a HUGE thank you to our PTA who has worked so hard and enthusiastically to enrich our school both financially and socially. The PTA is a fantastic organisation that is committed to raising money to improve the quality of provision for the children at Aldingbourne School. It is extremely well organised and very efficient. Group members offer help, ideas and take part in the varied events we regularly hold with many new ones being added each year. Without them and our amazing committed staff members, these events would not be possible. The committee meets once every half term on a Wednesday night at 7:00pm.



The meetings usually last one hour and

are always good fun and very productive. The PTA and the school work together closely and the contributions made by the PTA to the school are invaluable. The PTA has raised in excess of **£13,465** this year. What a fabulous achievement! With this money, we have been able to add to our wonderful OAA curriculum with a tunnelling system in the Environmental area and replace our broken castle. Also this year the PTA has bought:

- ☺ Infant Xmas presents
- ☺ Updating the Environmental Area
- ☺ A visit from Jeremy Strong
- ☺ Dictionaries for our year 6 leavers
- ☺ Regular contribution towards the cost of coaches for school trips
- ☺ Junior pantomime tickets
- ☺ Easter egg treat for EVERYBODY!

Throughout the year the PTA has organised a variety of different events such as...

- ☺ Film Fridays every month
- ☺ A Christmas Fayre
- ☺ A super Spring Fayre
- ☺ An Alice in Wonderland themed Summer Fete
- ☺ Family Chill Out
- ☺ Promises Auction

We would like to say a personal thank you to ALL the committee members and parent representatives of our successful PTA: Lucy Griffiths, Natasha Phelps, Mike Fryer, Liz Webster, Emma Pinder, Ellie Griffiths, Suzie Higgo, Nicki Goff, Patricia Smallman, Iolanda Clegg, Nicola Hollingworth, Davina Rowe, Caroline Green, Gemma Robinson and Andy Kyte. The PTA is a wonderful organisation which makes an invaluable contribution to the school. New members are welcomed with open arms. If you are interested in joining the PTA come to the AGM on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September at 7.00pm and find out more!



# SATS RESULTS

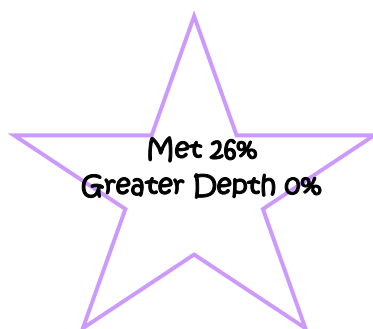
Our end of Key Stage Assessments, which take place at the end of year 2 and the end of year 6, this year were a mixed bag of results. We were absolutely delighted with the Key Stage 2 test results but our end of KS 2 writing assessment was very disappointing. In Ks 1 the results were not as positive as we would have liked and we feel this is a direct result of the new curriculum and the rise in expectations for children of this age. Below we have identified the percentage of children who have met the national expectations for their age.

## KEY STAGE ONE (Year 2)

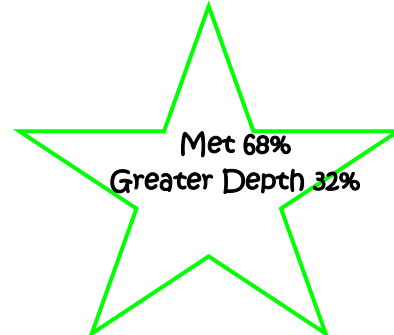
### Reading



### Writing



### Maths



The National Test Results for KS1 for 2016 were:

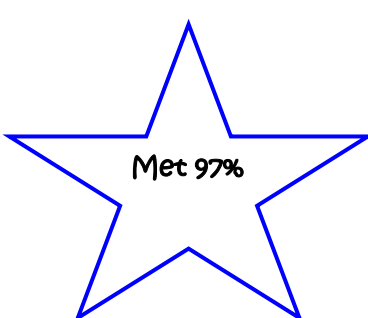
Met	Reading 74%	Writing 65%	Maths 73%
Greater Depth	Reading 23%	Writing 13%	Maths 18%

## KEY STAGE TWO (Year 6)

### Reading



### Maths



### Writing



### Grammar/ Punctuation & Spelling



The National Test Results for KS2 for 2016 were:

Met	Reading 65%	Maths 69%	Writing 74%	GPAS 72%
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# EXTRA CURRICULAR OPPORTUNITIES

Extra curricular clubs and opportunities have long been part of the culture at Aldingbourne and are offered in abundance. This year our committed staff have provided over 20 clubs for the children to choose from! The choice is diverse to encourage children to enrich their experiences and try new things as well as provide opportunities for their individual strengths and talents to be developed. Which clubs would you choose?

- ✓ Hockey
- ✓ Netball
- ✓ Dance
- ✓ Swimming
- ✓ Basketball
- ✓ Website
- ✓ Gymnastics
- ✓ Cookery Club
- ✓ Newspaper
- ✓ Reading Bus
- ✓ French
- ✓ Choir
- ✓ Forest schools
- ✓ MCM
- ✓ Gardening
- ✓ Curling
- ✓ Drama
- ✓ Art Club

- Football
- Athletics
- Rounders
- Cricket
- ICT Club
- Rugby



Once again, every single member of the teaching staff is involved in running an after-school or a lunchtime club and the Governors would like to thank the teachers and the parents for all the extra work that is put into these activities. It is fantastic that so many children have the opportunity to be involved! Special thanks go to several of our teaching assistants, Claire Davidson, Kath Herbert, and Nicki Ladd who have all helped with art club and cookery club this year. We have also been lucky to have parent help from Mrs Clay with netball club this year too.

In addition to our clubs, we have continued to offer as many children as possible the opportunity to represent the school in events, competitions and displays involving other local schools. These opportunities have included involvement in... many football and netball matches and tournaments against local schools, Dance House production at Alexandra Theatre, Bognor, Indoor Athletics

Tournament and Inter-School Maths Challenges and we look forward to this year's competitions and events!



# SCHOOL PRODUCTIONS



The creative arts are a very important aspect of Aidingbourne School life. We believe that it is important that children are given a varied and exciting time at school. The Arts enable the children to develop skills beyond reading and writing and allows them the opportunity to develop their creative, musical, theatrical and artistic skills.

Throughout the year the school organises a variety of school productions. All the children in the infants take part in two productions each year. In the Juniors children may



choose to audition for the annual production and staff work hard to ensure that ALL children who audition are given a part. In addition they may choose to perform in the Christmas Carol Concert or our annual Evening of Music and Dance. All of these events give the children the opportunity to explore new experiences and in doing so develop new skills together with greater self-confidence.

Here's what some of our year six children thought of this year's productions....

## SCROOGE

"All the infants were amazing! They sang really loud and I loved the rapping ghosts, they were cool."

## MATILDA

"Wow! This was the best play ever. All of the main parts were amazing and I loved Ethan's bottom wiggle and green hair. Everyone laughed when Bruce covered his face in chocolate cake too."

## JUNGLE BOOK

"This year the infant play was amazing. It was a very hot afternoon but the children performed really well in their furry animal costumes"

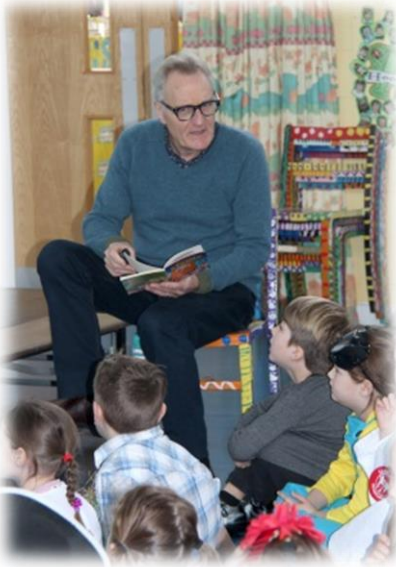


## EVENING OF MUSIC AND DANCE

"This was a fantastic evening where children sang, danced and played musical instruments. Mrs Thomas was a great director and it was fun learning all about Walt Disney"

# LINKS WITH THE COMMUNITY

At Aidingbourne Primary School we consider it to be extremely important to maintain and extend our links with the community. The valuable contributions that both local people and others have made to our school this year help the children to learn more about themselves as members of the local community as well as helping them to develop greater knowledge about the wider world.



## MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY WE HAVE WELCOMED

This year we have welcomed members of the local churches to lead assemblies; teachers from the local secondary schools and an abundance of students from schools, colleges and university who have worked alongside our teaching staff. We have welcomed many outdoor agencies to enhance our teaching and learning such as the **Astronomy Roadshow Planetarium**, **Kinetic Theatre**, **The Cycling Proficiency Team**, **Local Magistrates**, **Owls About Town**, **Michael Smith**, an expert in keeping safe online, **Hobgoblin Theatre Company**, **Canine Partners**, and the author **Jeremy Strong**.

## CHILDREN'S INVOLVEMENT IN LOCAL EVENTS

Wow! We have been busy bees! The school's involvement in the community also includes us going 'out and about' and this year we have been involved in a number of local events including...

A number of inter-school netball, football, cricket, quad kids and athletics tournaments

Harvest, Christingle Services and a Carol Concert at the church

A Dance festival at St Philip Howard

Kayaking at Westhampnett Lake

Author Visits and reading activities at Ormiston Academy

A Maths Challenge Competition at Ormiston Academy and Christ's Hospital School

Singing at local Nursing Homes

MCM school council meeting at Ormiston Academy



## SCHOOL VISITS

Over the year each year group has had the fantastic opportunity to enrich their learning through a school visit related to their work. These have included trips to **Bognor Fire Station**, **Viridor Recycling**, **Goodwood Farm**, **Walk to the local Post Office**, **Pizza Express**, **Westergate Methodist Church**, **Worthing Mosque**, **Westhampnett Lake**, **Littlehampton Beach**, **Lodge Hill Residential Centre**, **Swimming at Arun Leisure Centre**, **Fishbourne Roman Palace**, **Amberley Working Museum**, **Marwell Zoo**, **Chichester College** and **Chessington World of Adventures**. The children were fantastic ambassadors of the school on every occasion.



SEPTEMBER  
New House Captains



OCTOBER  
Aldingbourne  
Fright Night!

NOVEMBER  
Children In Need  
Our Hero Day



# A CALENDAR OF ACHIEVEMENT

DECEMBER  
Year 6  
Enterprise Day



JANUARY  
Reception  
Post Office Trip



FEBRUARY  
Pancake Day





**MARCH**  
Winter Sports Day

**APRIL**  
Daniel Cutting visit



**MAY**  
Tangmere Aviation  
Museum Trip

# A CALENDAR OF ACHIEVEMENT



**JUNE**  
Year 3 & 4  
Lodge Hill Residential

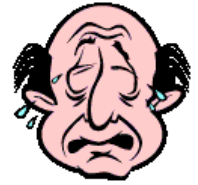


**JULY**  
Our infants  
Beach Trip





# ACE ATTENDANCE



The school recorded the following authorised and unauthorised absences in the Autumn, Spring and Summer Term of 2015/2016.

(as percentage of possible attendances)

Authorised absences	2.9%
Unauthorised absences	0.1%

Levels of unauthorised absence compare very favourably with West Sussex averages, and the Education Welfare Officer has congratulated the school on its performance in this area. The Governors would like to remind parents of the importance of ensuring the regular attendance of their children at school so that possible interruptions to their education are minimized. The Governors would also like to thank parents for helping to ensure the safety of their children by informing the school by 9.15 am on the first day of absence.



## BEST ATTENDANCE

100% attendance over the year IS possible. These pupils have proved it!

Well done!

**RECEPTION**  
Aniya Bayley  
Bradley Renshaw

**YEAR TWO**  
Paddy Henderson  
Scott Hollingworth

**YEAR THREE**  
Anna Holcroft  
Amy Widdows

**YEAR ONE**  
Yasmin Denly  
Molly Spearpoint  
Thomas White

**YEAR FIVE**  
Isabelle Clay  
Emily Climpson  
Lois Hollingworth  
Finley Riggs  
Lucy Widdows

**YEAR FOUR**  
Finley Bayley  
Zane Denly  
Emily Harwood  
Harvey Reed  
Freddie Spearpoint

**YEAR SIX**  
NOBODY -  
Shocking!

# SCHOOL TERMS AND HOLIDAY DATES

## Autumn Term 2016

Monday 5th September – Friday 16th December 2016

Half Term: Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 28th October 2016

Inset Days: Monday 5th and Tuesday 6th September 2016

## Spring Term 2017

Tuesday 3rd January – Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2017

Half Term: Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 24th February 2017

Inset Days: Tuesday 3rd January 2017

## Summer Term 2017

Monday 24th April – Tuesday 25th July 2017

Half Term: Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May– Friday 2nd June 2017

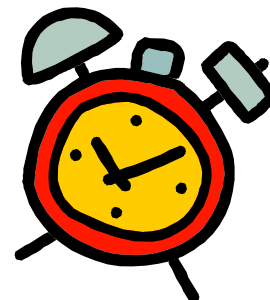
Inset Days: Monday 24<sup>th</sup> July and Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2017

# SCHOOL TIMETABLE

The Governors would also like to remind parents of our school times:

Children arrive at school	8.45 – 8.55 am
School Day starts	8.55 am
Morning Break	10.30 – 10.50 am
Lunch Time	12.05 – 1.00 pm
Infant Home time	3.10 pm
Junior Home time	3.15 pm

Drrrrriiiiiing!!!



# SCHOOL DETAILS

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# A NOTE FROM THE CHAIR

What a busy year ! So as my first year of Chair of Governors approaches, I would like to begin by thanking all the staff, parents, Governors, PTA members and, of course, the children who have made this school the wonderful place it is and have made my role so

rewarding and enjoyable.

As the new intake arrive at the Reception Class, and their parents embrace our school and busy bee ways, our older children continue their journey into secondary education - we wish them all the very best on their respective journeys and for their futures. I would like to look back on my first year and say a **BIG WELL DONE to EVERYBODY.**

The building work is finally complete and the journey has been long but the

end result is great. A new roof, ceiling, music room and kitchen area has made our school even better! We still have some tidying of the site and some ground works to complete, but all being well we should be ready to provide our children with the option of hot school meals in the Autumn Term. More info and meetings for you to attend will be available nearer "go-live", although there are still some funding issues and the proposed "seating for eating" arrangements are still to be resolved.

Other achievements include the instalment of a tunneling area, the arrival of a new groundsman and his lovely wife, the return of Mrs Reed and the fabulous work of the PTA. All of the above have led to this year being very successful.

Being a part of the school can sometimes be hard work and take up a lot of valuable time, but it can also give you a great sense of pride to know that you have contributed to making every child's experience at Aldingbourne even better!



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Also very much in the news has been the infamous “Academy” subject. As a school, we have recently looked again at “Academy Status” and, at this present time, there are no plans or justification to pursue any further plans for our school becoming an academy. We will continue to periodically review this subject and will, of course, inform you if we feel the need to pursue or change our stance on this subject.

Before I close, I want to thank my fellow Governors and again their families for supporting them and allowing them to devote so much time to the school – many of whom have not been in position for very long – but have grown into



their respective roles and come together to make an efficient/effective and vibrant governing body. They are a great bunch and their work and decisions often go un-noticed, so thank you once again to them all.

One final note, please can you contact us if you have any complaints, concerns or issues – even the good ones! In the past there has been a tendency to use social media to air opinions and views, this can be both harmful and unproductive and I will always urge you to please contact myself or one of my fellow governors in the first instance.

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Andy Kyte, Chair of Governors

