



Sulhamstead & Ufton Nervet Primary School

Annual report to Sulhamstead Parish Council 2019

SUN School provides a good education for the children of the Parish. The distinctive Christian character of the school continues to meet the needs of all learners. Everyone is always welcome!

With 104 pupils currently attending SUN, there have been several updates from the last year:

Staff:

Daryl Jordan is now in his second year as our Headteacher.

We now have a settled staffing structure, with the main teaching posts as follows;

- Mrs Wade (Acorn class – Reception class)
- Mrs Webb (Oak class – Years 1 & 2)
- Mrs Hodgson / Ms Roff (Ash class – Years 3 & 4)
- Mrs Hyde / Mr Jordan (Sycamore class – Years 5 & 6)

Key Stage Results:

At the end of Key Stage Two (11-year olds) the percentage of children gaining combined age-related expectations within reading, writing and maths combined was 67%. Reading and writing results were particularly high – 93%. This reflects the increased work that has been put into this area over the last couple of years. The bar has been raised considerably in maths and we continue to use Mr Jordan's expertise in this area to work with our subject leader (Mrs Webb) to explore new ways of learning.

At SUN we recognise the importance of our results and we are continually reflecting on our practice within teaching and learning to improve further, although we also believe that children attending our school gain in so many more ways such as experiencing an amazing ethos for example.

Finance:

Our budget is broadly split into 2 areas:

- Capital funding – fundraising and grants have enabled us to invest in IT in the school. We are pleased that we now have a secure network and that we have been able to invest in new smart boards and some tablets. This will help in the delivery of the curriculum (both IT and general) whilst keeping our rural school up to date.
- Main School Budget – as with schools across the country, the budget is expected to deliver more with less. Increased staff costs (pension, NI etc) which are imposed by the government do not receive additional funding. This means that in real terms we have less money to spend on each child. Staff continue to work tirelessly to provide the best for our children.

The Future:

Short term:

1. To update the School Development Plan
2. To continue to update and modernise our computing provision.
3. To continue to explore ways in which we can collaborate and learn with other schools.
4. To maintain high standards of teaching, learning, leadership and school environment within the context of a small school and tight budget.
5. To develop further the links with the Church through Revd. Canon John Paton so that he can strengthen the Christian distinctiveness of the school (SIAMS, Jan 2018). Good links are already present.
6. To balance the budget!

Long term (unchanged):

We need to future proof our school. SUN School has provided a place of learning within the Parish since 1862. It is a very special place. We need to ensure that we continue to provide a place of learning that our community is proud of. Our children deserve the very best.

The Governing Board, June 2019

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