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Governors Annual Report 2017

We would like to start this report by saying a really big thank you to all of the staff, children and parents of Littledean C of E Primary School for all the hard work and dedication that goes into making our school a great place to grow and learn. It has been another busy and exciting year with plenty happening to keep everyone busy and many fantastic things to celebrate and feel proud of.

In March of this year the school was visited by Ofsted who found that that Littledean C of E Primary School continues to be a **Good** school. We would like to extend our congratulations and thanks to everyone who was involved in preparing for and being part of the inspection. One of the highlights was the feedback that said *"working in partnership with parents, the local church and members of the community, you have developed a very strong and positive atmosphere where everyone works well together for the benefit of the pupils"*.

It is this atmosphere of partnership within the school that shines through during Governor Visits, where we always find the children to be happy and confident to talk to us and share their excitement and passion for learning. During this year the Governors have carried out 'Learning Walks' with a particular focus on marking and peer assessment. The children were able to explain in detail about the marking system and about the individual targets they are set. It is a real privilege to talk to the children during these 'Learning Walks' and listen to them speak with such enthusiasm and knowledge about their own development and learning.

Throughout the year we have also been able to watch the children take part in many different performances and activities. These have included the Christmas Production performed by the Infant classes; Young Voices performance at Birmingham and at school; the County Dance Festival and the production of Charlotte's Web by the junior classes. These are just a handful of the fantastic activities the children have been involved in and it is clear from watching them how much the children gain from them.

Every year as a Governing body we have to set an attendance figure that we would like the school to try and achieve. As a Governing body we like to be aspirational with our targets and so this year the target was set at 96.5%. We are extremely pleased to say that this year the actual attendance figure is 96.1%. This is a fantastic attendance rate and we would like to thank all the children, parents and staff who support the children to attend school regularly.

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As a Church of England school we use the Christian Values for Life to underpin the teaching and learning and each term a different value is highlighted. On each Governor visit we see examples of these values demonstrated through the children's attitudes and behaviour. From opening doors, to helping their friends through to leading worship, the children are constantly developing their understanding of these values and using them to shape their behaviour and develop their sense of self in the world. It is always a great pleasure to see the children grow and learn and demonstrate these values both when at school and when representing the school during off site visits.

This year has also seen the development of the Pre-School provision on site. In May 2017 we were able to open Acorns Pre-School class. It has taken a lot of time and dedication from staff to establish this and the whole school are very excited to see the impact of this as children join the main body of the school each September. The children in Acorns class have already been attending Celebration Assembly and have been sharing break times with Holly Leaves as well as making good use of the school facilities. We thank the Acorns Pre-School staff for their hard work and commitment to making this a success.

There are so many fantastic achievements, activities and things to celebrate that it is simply not possible to cover them all in one report. What we have identified have been some of the highlights, but you as parents will, we are sure, have many more moments to have been cherished. The children are a delight to be with and as a Governing Body we could not be more proud of what the children and the school achieve every year.

We would like to finish by extending our thanks to Mrs Harris who retires this year after many years of dedicated service to the school. She will be greatly missed but we wish her a relaxing and enjoyable retirement.

Once again thank you to each and every one of you for the support you give to the school. And to the Children we say thank you for your love of learning, your boundless enthusiasm and your sense of joy that always serves to make us very proud to be Governors at Littledean C of E Primary School.

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