



Wednesday, 20th December 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a brilliant end to the Autumn term with a fantastic KS1 performance and an amazing Nativity by the Acorns. I felt very proud of the Year 6's yesterday, as they recited their own writing in the Carol Service. Thank you all for such a wonderful turnout to the Art Exhibition last week- look out for the report on it in the Suffolk Free Press on Thursday! Our children have been motivated and inspired by the learning we have done in this subject, and the displays which have been put up really illuminate the school.

We have made massive progress during the last two terms, not only with the various initiatives that have been put in place to improve performance such as Accelerated Reading, Storytime Phonics and Letterjoin, but also and more importantly the embodiment of our school values in our School Council, our Houses and their captains, and in the hard work and enthusiasm of our staff and children. I witness our values of community, respect, aiming high, and enjoying learning every day as I walk around the school and see polite, kind, well-behaved and enthusiastic children who confidently greet visitors and explain their learning to them.

You may have seen the recent KS2 performance tables which were published by the DFE last week. When I took up my appointment as Headteacher, in April, 2017, I was fully aware that the school had been placed in extremely challenging circumstances due to having four headteachers in the space of two years, a lack of Governing Body during the previous two terms; and that the KS1 and KS2 results had taken a direct hit over the last two years as a result of this lack of clarity in leadership and vision.

I can reassure you, with confidence, that the school will not be in this position next year. I am delighted with the progress and attainment which the children are making so far, and I have the support of a determined and aspirational Senior Leadership Team, and a fully functioning and highly skilled Local Governing Body with whom I looking forward to working from January, 2018. Our school is so much more than the measure of any league table, but I fully acknowledge and take responsibility for ensuring that, under my leadership, results improve and children achieve the standards they deserve.

My termly Headteacher's report (now on our website) shows how we are tracking attainment and progress in detail; we know we have key areas on which to focus and we also know that our existing strategies are working well. Staff have worked tirelessly this term to put new systems in place, and I would like to thank them for their support and dedication in continuing our journey of moving our school back to where it should be, and enabling the children to achieve their full potential within a nurturing and inspiring educational environment. We continue to develop the basic skills in the context of a



creative curriculum, and I couldn't be more proud of what we have accomplished during the last term.

Lastly, I thank you for your continued support for the school and staff. Thank you for the time you invest in supporting your child's learning at home, school open days and money-raising events. I hope you will agree that Clare Community Primary School is a very special place to be.

Yours sincerely,
Rebecca Loader

