

## Buxton School Governors Report July 2012



2011-2012 has been a busy and productive year for Buxton School. Pupil progress for all children is a priority for the school, and this year all pupils have seen improvements. All Pupil Targets for Year 6 in English, Reading, Writing and Maths were not only met but exceeded. The target was for 28 % of the pupils in Y6 to attain Level 5 in Reading and the actual figure was 73%. All pupils achieved two Levels progress in both English and Maths. Our KS1 SATS results show that Targets have been largely met by the pupils. 86% of pupils were operating at Level 2C and above in Reading and Writing and 91% in Maths (prediction 90%). All targets for Level 2B were exceeded (**Targets** Level2B: 70% Maths, 75% Reading, 60% Writing; **Actual**: 86% Maths and Reading, 62% Writing).

The Governing Body is there to work with the school to continue to improve and become a centre of excellence for all pupils by providing strategic management and being a critical friend and supporter. The Governing Body includes parent, staff, community and Local Authority Governors. The Governing Body is responsible for the budget of the school. The Income for the year for Buxton School was Income £540,066 including the Pupil Premium of £9,512, and a £23,558 carried forward surplus. The Pupil Premium allocation is designed to support vulnerable children. This money was spent in the following ways: £1370.76 for Support for trips for low income families including residential, museums and theatre visits; £1000 towards emotional support from the Benjamin Foundation; £616.44 for Mid-morning snack; £800 to Music Tuition; £1424.80 a contribution to Sport Tuition and Breakfast Club; £4300 to Additional TA Support general and specific KS2 support. The impact of this expenditure can be seen in the above KS1 and 2 SATs results and in school pupil attainment and progress data. All pupils, including the most vulnerable, have achieved well. Parents report that pupils have enjoyed their learning this year, meaning the contributions towards visits, music and sports tuition has been valued. Staff report that all children are



happy and have valued the opportunity for emotional support offered weekly in school. The total Expenditure for the year was £520,509, so we carried over a Surplus figure of £19,557 into 2012/13. The building works to create seven classes are continuing in the school at present and will result in an improvement of resources, it is scheduled to be completed by September 2012.



Governors also have a role in monitoring the school's progress and some governors have taken on specific roles and responsibilities: Matt (SEN Governor); Kathryn (Safeguarding and Finance Governor); Georgina (Educational Visits Governor); Jason (Staff Welfare Governor); Andrew (Premises governor). The Governors have a monitoring role to help improve school standards through monitoring of the school improvement development plan (SIDP) and making sure our agreed priorities are followed including improving Reading Skills and ensuring the progress of higher attainers in lessons. The Governors are sad to report that Mrs Paterson, who has taught at the school for over 20 years, is retiring this year. Her expertise and dedication will be greatly missed. However, the Governors are delighted about the appointment of a new KS1 teacher for September 2012.

The Governing body has two main committees the Pupil and Curriculum and the Management Committee. All Governors have received a range of training throughout the year to support them in their role.

In May 2011 the schools of the Aylsham Cluster, including Buxton School, took the decision to form a shared Co-operative Trust with a group of like minded external partners. The main aim of the Trust is to promote learning and the interests of the family and the wider community. Parents and community partners can contribute towards this aim to work together for our children, families and community. You can contact the Trust at ([trust@aylshamclustertrust.org.uk](mailto:trust@aylshamclustertrust.org.uk)) or by visiting the Facebook page Aylsham Cluster Trust or following Twitter @TACtrust.

