



# **Buxton Primary School Governors' Annual Report to Parents July 2014**



**'Building Foundations Together  
for a Brighter Future'**



We are delighted to report that the school has enjoyed another very successful year, where your children have continued to be provided with exciting learning opportunities which are designed not only to help them learn academically but also to grow into responsible and caring citizens. Our thanks are extended to everyone who works in the school, to all the exceptional staff, led by an outstanding headteacher, and all the volunteers who give so willingly of their time.

This year has seen the continuation of Forest schools which the children enjoy so much, and benefit from greatly. This has now been extended into a lunchtime activity, where children have been provided with the equipment to enable them to build dens and explore the outdoor environment. The support of children’s emotional wellbeing is very important at Buxton School and a new development this year has been the appointment of our own Pastoral Teaching Assistant to help with the social development of our youngsters. As part of this focus, some of our Year Six children have been acting as mentors for the younger ones, to help them settle in and find friends and assist with solving playground dilemmas! The success of this project means it will continue into the future.



This year our KS1 and KS2 SATs results (see below) truly reflect the children’s desire to do well and the staff’s hard work in ensuring they achieve as well as they can.

	KS1 (end of year 2)		KS2 (end of year 6)		
	Level 2B – expected	Level 3 – high attaining	Level 4 – expected	Level 5+ – high attaining	Level 6 – exceptionally high attaining
Maths	<b>96%</b>	<b>35%</b>	<b>91%</b>	<b>66.5%</b>	<b>9%</b>
Reading	<b>92.5%</b>	<b>38.5%</b>	<b>95%</b>	<b>66.5%</b>	-
Writing	<b>88.5%</b>	<b>27%</b>	<b>91%</b>	<b>38%</b>	-
Grammar	-		<b>91%</b>	<b>76%</b>	<b>14%</b>
<p>The shaded boxes show where Buxton School has significantly exceeded National averages in that subject.</p>					

The Governing Body is there to work with the school to continue to improve, providing strategic management and being a critical friend and supporter to the headteacher and senior staff. The Governors include parent, staff, community, Trust and Local Authority Governor, so all sections of our community is represented. The Governing Body is responsible for the budget of the school; you will be able to find the current budget figures published on the School website. Indeed, there is an opportunity to contact the Governors through the website and we would be very pleased to read your comments and suggestions, either via the website, or we can be contacted through the School office.



The Governing Body consists of 12 Governors who work collectively for the good of the school. An important function of the Governing body is to help the school to monitor its activities, to ensure that the school's development plans are being implemented and having the impact that was intended, so that we get value for money. We are also there to consider the Health and Safety of everyone at the school and currently are considering ideas for making the start and end of the school day safer for the children.

Through the discussion at one of the planning meetings with regard to the growth of the school, it was suggested by one of the Governors that we should try and secure funding to create an additional class from September 2014, a year earlier than planned. Our Headteacher followed up the idea and consequently we are delighted with the introduction of our seventh class - one for each year group in September 14. The growth of the school and Mrs Buchanan's maternity leave enabled us to appoint two new members of teaching staff to join our excellent team.



The Governing body has two main committees: the Pupil and Curriculum and the Management Committee. As Governors we have different roles and attend training to ensure that we are well informed in order to support the headteacher and staff. Currently the Governors' roles are as follows:

SEN Governor	Mr Matthew Fruish
Safeguarding Governor	Mrs Kathryn Curtis
Premises Governor	Mr Andrew Murdo

Educational Visits Governor	Mrs Alison Moore
Finance Governor	Mrs Kathryn Curtis
Staff-Well Being Governor	Mr Jason Sexton
Trustee of Aylsham Co-operative Trust	Mr Matthew Fruish Miss Deborah Leahy

For the past three years we have been part of a Co-operative Trust\* with a group of like-minded external partners whose aim is to promote learning and the interests of the family and the wider community.

All teachers work with teacher colleagues within the Trust offering and receiving support. This collaborative approach supports the development and growth of all children in the Aylsham area.

The coming academic year will bring more exciting developments for our school. The new National Curriculum becomes statutory from September and all staff have been working hard planning and preparing for this to ensure that the learning opportunities will be as exciting and innovative as they were this year!



As you will know, the Government have announced that from September 2014 all children in Reception, Year One and Year Two will be offered a free school meal. The catering provision at Buxton School offers choice and flexibility. Your children will be able to make their choices on a weekly basis – it can be a hot dinner, a sandwich, or a



jacket potato – all equally delicious! However, it is important for parents whose children already receive free school meals to continue to register, as this will provide valuable funds for the school in Pupil Premium. (The website will show you the activities and resources that this funding provides for our children.)

Thank you for reading this report - we hope you have found it of interest.

For further information on the school, please visit the school's website ([www.buxtonschool.co.uk](http://www.buxtonschool.co.uk)) or the school's facebook page. You can contact the Trust, or find out more about what it means to you, at ([trust@aylshamclustertrust.org.uk](mailto:trust@aylshamclustertrust.org.uk)) or by visiting the Facebook page Aylsham Cluster Trust or following Twitter @TACtrust

\*Members of the Trust: Buxton Primary School, Bure Valley Junior School, John of Gaunt Infant School, St. Michael's Infant School, Hevingham Primary School, Marsham Primary School, Aldborough Primary School, Aylsham High School; National Trust Blickling Hall, Sainsbury Centre, Benjamin Foundation, Norfolk County Council Children's Services, City College Norwich.