



### **Annual Report to Clive Parish Council**

At the time of writing, the school has 81 children on roll plus 13 children attending Nursery. Numbers during the year have remained fairly static with just a couple of new entrants and new Nursery intake in October and April (the term after 3<sup>rd</sup> birthdays usually). These numbers are very encouraging and look likely to change little in September. However, there are not many children registered to start Nursery in September so if anyone knows a young person who is having their 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday between now (May) and 31st August, please do encourage them to get in touch!

For a few years the classes have been named after Woodland Animals. The youngest (and smallest) class of Reception and Nursery children (aged 3-5) is Dormouse Class, the Year 1 & 2 class (age 5-7) is Red Squirrel Class, Year 3 & 4 (age 7-9) is Hedgehog and the oldest and largest children (Year 5 & 6 – ages 9-11) are the largest woodland animal – Badger Class.

The children in all classes have spent the year to date studying a range of different topics. These include animals, bees, the weather, water and the Romans. They have also undertaken trips to places related to their topics or to other schools and venues for sporting events. All of the activities help to enhance the children's experiences and delivery of a curriculum.

Following training near the start of the year we officially became an 'Asthma friendly' school. This is an accreditation scheme that acknowledges the work done to ensure that the school keeps working hard to support those children with this condition. We have also adopted the SunSafe scheme which accredits work being done around keeping safe in the sun.

We have relaunched the Safer Schools Initiative this year. This scheme aims to ensure school sites are as safe from antisocial behaviour as possible and are generally safe for all users. We were pleased to welcome Councillor Peter Walters at the meeting to gain an insight into the Parish Council view on particular issues. The scheme is reviewed annually.

A new venture for the school this year has been the vegetable garden. We had a nice crop last year and entered a few potatoes in to the Village Show (no prize though, sadly!). We have planted lots of things with the children this year and look forward to harvest! We want to make the venture much more of a community affair so members of the village and passing walkers are invited to pop in, weed, water or just admire. Once we are harvesting we shall share the fruits of all our labours too. A plant swap in May proved quite successful as it allowed people to bring and share their excess plants and take away plants they hadn't got at home.

This year is a very special year as we celebrate our 150<sup>th</sup> birthday. On 13<sup>th</sup> January 1873, the doors opened for the first time for children aged 5 -14 to come and receive a basic education. Since then many hundreds of children have passed through the doors and there have been some significant changes to the building over the years – inside toilets being a very welcome addition!! We sincerely hope that Clive CE Primary School will remain a key feature in the village for the next 150 years, preparing children for life in 2173! The year so far has featured some work and events to celebrate

the occasion. The children in Year 5 and 6 visited Shrewsbury archives to view the records for the school held there. They have done some lovely work on past pupils (interviews and memories) and learned a lot about the schools' history by looking at log book accounts. It is hoped that some of them will give a presentation of their work at the upcoming History Group talk about Clive School (8<sup>th</sup> June). On 13<sup>th</sup> January we had a Victorian School day. Everyone dressed in Victorian style clothing, the children were met at the gate by a stern looking group of staff and welcomed with an address given by the headteacher in 1873 and then spent the day in Victorian style lessons – the '3 Rs' featuring prominently plus gardening skills for the boys and sewing for the girls. On the 14<sup>th</sup> January many former pupils & parents joined current parents for a Big Birthday Ball at Pimhill Farm. This was organised by FOCS (Friends of Clive School – our PTA) and everyone had a wonderful time with a lovely meal, bar and band. A fabulous auction also raised a considerable amount of money for the group to be able to pay for the 'extras' that the children can enjoy – coaches for visits, playground equipment, bikes for Dormouse Class. The ball was preceded by the bell team, led by Gareth Jones, ringing a full 3hour+ peal in honour of our birthday. This was such a lovely gesture by the team and much appreciated. Later this term we shall be holding a Birthday Ball for the children – a disco and food at the Village Hall (now that all the work is complete!). On Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> June we shall be holding an Open Day event when anyone can come into the school, have a look around and view old photos and records that we hold in school. This will take place from 10am until 4pm. Refreshments will be available. This event will be preceded by the History Group talk on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup>.

On Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July, FOCS are organising the summer fair. This is a community event where local organisations are being invited to set up a stall and promote their group and, hopefully, increase awareness and membership. The bell team will be ringing on the day and opening the tower for visitors.

So, all in all, a very busy year for all in school. The children have been fabulous and staff have worked well together to make sure that the school is an enjoyable and caring one. This ethos is clearly highlighted in our recent SIAMS (Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools) report. We were inspected at the beginning of May and the report acknowledges that Worship and overall Christian Distinctiveness are 'Good'.

Clive Church of England Primary School  
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