

Ringsfield CEVC Primary School

Annual report 2017

Once again, I am pleased to report that the federation of schools continues to thrive with 84 children on roll in the main school at Ringsfield and a further 29 in the Nursery and Poppets, totalling 113 children overall.

Mrs Vicky Allen continues her role as Executive Head and oversees both schools and has a Head of School at each location which continues to function really well. In union with teaching excellence across the federation, we have the advantage of shared resources, joint events and excursions.

With governmental changes and restraints, both Vicky and a strong governing body continue to plan the best way forward for the future and for what is best for our children. As governors, we are regular visitors to the schools and responsible for monitoring ethos, curriculum, health, safety and wellbeing of the children, together with budgeting for future projects..

We are really pleased to welcome Philip Miller, our new Rector and has already made quite an impression with the children and leads Collective worship on a weekly basis, guitar to hand. He conducted the Easter service at All Saint's Church recently and is always very popular with families and the community alike. Not only are such events an integral part of the Christian ethos of the school but the children, by tradition, get to walk back to school across the fields afterwards! Additionally, I should mention that, in the absence of an incumbent, Ann Hastings-Payne has had a huge involvement with Collective worship in our schools and we owe her a great debt of gratitude for she has been invaluable.

In a bid to promote good attendance at both our schools and in line with the School development plan, parents/carers are no longer permitted to take their children out of school other than for very exceptional circumstances,. To encourage good attendance Vicky awards certificates at parents Assembly in recognition of this and, in doing so, has created encouragement to others too. With school attendance beginning to improve now, the signs are reassuring.

One particularly memorable day out was a visit to the Police Headquarters at Martlesham Heath in the Autumn term with a very 'hands on' approach to modern policing. With dog handling, CID, motorbikes and more, the children really enjoyed the experience, with many aspiring to become police officers by the end of the day!

As always, we always grateful to be able to make use of the village hall for the traditional panto at the end of the Autumn term and, last year it was Alice in Wonderland - a show not to be missed and thoroughly enjoyed by all that were in attendance.

Mary Lovegrove, Foundation governor

