

 <p>2004 - 2005</p>	North Farnborough Infant School	
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What have been our successes this year?		
<p>The most significant successes this year have been the appointment of a new Headteacher and Deputy Head. The headship of a school presents great challenges and we were pleased that Michelle Moore accepted the position after two days of intensive and in depth interviewing. Our new Deputy Head is Sarah Holland and she will join us in September 2005.</p> <p>In the autumn of 2004 we were one of only a handful of Hampshire primary schools to be awarded the Quality Mark and Gerald Howarth MP visited the school to congratulate us.</p> <p>Once again this year the school has been categorised as 'outstanding' by the Local Authority.</p>		
What are we trying to improve?		
<p>A Maths Excellence Team, composed of teachers, Teaching Assistants and Governors, has been established and it is looking at all aspects of the way Maths is taught at our school, particularly calculation and problem solving. A visit by the county Maths Inspector helped to set the aims for the team to consider. An INSET day held in September 2004 aimed to improve teachers' knowledge of the development of children's learning. In addition we have made parents more aware of their children's Literacy and Numeracy targets, and encouraged teachers to give more and better feedback to the children.</p> <p>We have targeted behaviour, helping the children to understand the class and school rules, and have set up playground 'buddies'. Playground incidents and accidents are monitored and reported to the Governing Body.</p> <p>The school hosted a meeting between Rushmoor Borough Council, local residents, parents, staff and governors in November 2004 to raise traffic issues pertinent to the area. A public exhibition ran for two days in May 2005 in the school hall so that Rushmoor could present possible solutions to the issues.</p> <p>Although the County continue to advertise for a Crossing Patrol we still do not have one.</p>		

How have our results changed over time?

The school achieves consistently high standards in reading, writing and maths in relation to similar schools as well as all schools nationally. In July 2005 96% of our children reached Level 2+ in reading and writing, 98% in maths and 100% in science. Results vary from year to year because of the level of attainment of the children when they start in the Reception classes, and because of the composition of the year groups. However when standards are judged against levels of attainment on entry to school it is clear that the children make good, and often very good, progress.

In the Foundation Stage the majority of children achieve the Early Learning goals in line with national expectations and quite a number exceed these and begin to work within National Curriculum levels.

How are we making sure we are meeting the learning needs of individual pupils?

A broad and balanced curriculum is planned and delivered according to the guidelines for Foundation Stage and the National Curriculum. Children are taught in small groups, pairs and individually, as well as in whole class lessons. Work is differentiated according to need and records kept of targets and progress. There are termly meetings with parents where the targets and progress of their children are discussed.

The Curriculum Committee of the Governing Body meets twice a term and among issues discussed this year have been:

- Ensuring training on INSET days is relevant and linked to the curriculum
- Review of target setting and standards and Key Stage 1 SAT's results
- Tracking the School Excellence Plan with members of the committee being responsible for examining evidence of achievement in specific areas e.g. maths or ICT
- Ensuring the school promotes equal opportunities including racial equality and opportunities for children with Special Needs

What have pupils told us about the school, and what have we done as a result?

Each class has a Class Council where they discuss issues that are important and relevant to the children, and representatives bring these to the regular School Council meetings. Some ideas are decided by the children themselves and some are taken to the Headteacher as appropriate. Some of the decisions for 2004 - 2005 are:

- Where to put the tree seat
- Football goals on the grass and more football at playtimes
- Working to music in the classrooms
- No personal pencil cases allowed
- School dinners to be more fun. Rewards for eating nicely and having good manners

The meeting of Class and School Councils give the children a voice in the running of the school and show them that their opinions count. However, they understand that they must be able to justify their requests and that the answer may not always be 'yes'.

How do we make sure our pupils are healthy, safe and well-supported?

The School has implemented a wide range of measures to ensure pupil's well-being. These include:

- regular Health and Safety reviews
- Anti-bullying measures
- Incident and accident monitoring
- Behavioural monitoring with parental reporting if necessary.

Additionally, the school supports national Walk to School Week and the Healthy Schools Initiative among other things. A sponsored bounce provided a fun activity for the children this year.

There are two hours of sport and PE each week for every child, using the hall, which has wall bars and other equipment, or the outdoor areas when weather permits.

The pupils all have water bottles available to ensure they are well hydrated and currently get free fruit as a healthy snack during the day.

The school operates a secure site, with visitors screened before entry. All adults working with children are NCRB checked and a register is maintained of these checks.

What activities are available to pupils?

A range of free after school clubs is available, including French, Art, ICT and drama, and additional clubs, such as football, are provided by outside agencies.

This year the Fire Challenge Crew visited Year 2, PC Mulvaney, Getting It Right Officer, came into school regularly and we collected for the tsunami appeal.

We have special weeks throughout the year, including Book Week, Science and Maths Week, Multicultural Week and Arts Week.

How are we working with parents and the community?

North Farnborough has an excellent after school club (Conker Club) which provides extra curricular activities for children until 6pm. This is valued by our working parents and the club is well subscribed. The school is also used by the local Brownies for their weekly meetings

All parents and relatives of pupils of the school are automatically considered to be members of the Friends' Association. The Friends organise regular fund-raising events which are also enjoyable opportunities for socialising. This year the Friends organised a Summer Fete, Race Night, Quiz Night, Christmas Fair and bingo night and donated £14,000 which has been used to purchase new computer equipment, wall bars for PE, as well as providing theatre groups for the children.

The School Governors held a parents meeting and this along with regular meetings with teachers at consultatives, class assemblies, termly curriculum newsletters and new parents induction meetings provides parents with ample feedback on school life. We also held an Open Day for parents and members of the local community to visit the school during a working day.

We send annual questionnaires to parents and children, requesting information and ideas, and once the replies have been analysed we find ways to act on as many suggestions as possible, sending a feedback letter to parents to explain actions.

What do our pupils do after leaving this school?
The majority of the children from North Farnborough Infant school transfer to one of the three feeder schools of St Peter's C of E Junior School, South Farnborough Junior School or Frimley C of E Junior School.
Ofsted's view of our school
<p>This is an effective school that provides a good quality education for all year groups and fulfils its aims and values very well. The very good leadership by the headteacher and effective support by governors, staff and parents have ensured very significant improvement in a short time. There is a strong commitment by all concerned to continue to raise standards, the school is managed well and gives good value for money.</p> <p>The pupils' very good attitudes and the very good relationships make a strong contribution to their learning and the quality of school life. The school works very well in partnership with parents and their talents and skills contribute well to the opportunities offered to pupils. The very good planning of the curriculum has a positive impact on pupils' learning and is contributing to raising standards. The school has good accommodation, a good level of staffing and sufficient good quality learning resources.</p> <p>Date of last inspection: June 2002</p>
<p>Explanation of Ofsted grades</p> <p>Inspectors made judgements on a scale: excellent (grade1); very good (2); good (3); satisfactory (4); unsatisfactory (5); poor (6); very poor (7)</p>
What have we done in response to Ofsted?
<p>Since our last OFSTED we have continued to move forward in all areas of school life. We have addressed the issues highlighted through the inspection report. In September 2004 we established Excellence Teams to take responsibility for the leadership and management of subject areas. We have also reviewed our planning and this has enabled us to raise the standards achieved by the children across all subjects. We have had 2 INSET days for PE and from these we have addressed the issues highlighted by the report including developing staff confidence in the delivery of the subject and ensuring that the planning fully meets the requirements of the National Curriculum.</p>
More information
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