

Headteacher:
Mrs Anita Cubitt B.Ed Hons, NPQH

Telephone: 01929 422973
www.stgeorgeslangton.dorset.sch.uk
office@stgeorgeslangton.dorset.sch.uk



St. George's CE VA Primary School
High Street
Langton Matravers
Swanage
Dorset
BH19 3HB



Learning Together



ANNUAL REPORT TO PARISH COUNCIL. March 2015

The governors of St George's Primary CE VA School report another year of achievements and challenges. Now settled into the purpose-built and much admired buildings, the school is now completing its first full academic year as a primary. However, challenges for staff and governors have continued with the introduction of a new National Curriculum, radical changes to the system of pupil assessment, and consideration of whether the school's future would be better secured as part of a Multi-Academy Trust. Over the past year the school has continued its cooperation with the Cluster schools and governors have been exploring the possibility of formalising this relationship. The Governors have now voted unanimously not to proceed with the process of converting to a MAT at this time.

Currently there are 104 pupils on the roll. The PAN (pupil admissions number) remains at 20.

Staffing levels are as follows: there are 4 F/T teachers, 2 P/T job-share teachers. They are supported by 2 F/T and 6 P/T teaching assistants, 3 F/T and 1 P/T lunchtime supervisors, and 2 P/T office staff. One F/T teacher is absent at the moment, and her class is being taught by a regular supply teacher and a F/T teaching assistant. The head teacher continues to be committed to full-time administration duties. There have been two retirements of long-standing and valued members of staff this year. Deputy Head teacher, Mrs Helen Rochelle, retired at the end of the summer term 2014 after 18 years of dedicated service to the school, and Mrs Jo Dunesby was appointed to the post in September 2014. Then Mrs Barbara Bray, school secretary for over 30 years, retired in February 2015, and Mrs Jackie Lane has been appointed to this post.

The new National Curriculum is now being followed in years 1, 3, 4 and 5, while years 2 and 6 continue on the old National Curriculum for its final year. The new curriculum includes SPAG (spelling, grammar and punctuation). The Achievement for All programme is in its second year, focussing support on identified groups. Attainment of pupils in the Reception year showed an improvement from previous years. Phonics screening and the level of attainment at year 1 was well above the national average. KS1 attainment was lower than in the previous three years, but generally in line with national levels. KS2 pupils in year 6 took SATs for the first time in summer 2014 and achieved better than national average results. They all made the expected 2 levels progress in reading and writing, and 92% achieved these levels in maths. Attainment was broadly in line with national expectations at level 4, and was above that at level 5 in reading and writing. Overall assessment of the school's academic performance is good, measured by objective criteria and confirmed by an external advisor.

The school continues its close monitoring of Safeguarding and of Health and Safety issues. Rates of attendance cause some concern, though improvement has been seen since parents were reminded of the negative impact of taking holidays in term time.

Headteacher:
Mrs Anita Cubitt B.Ed Hons, NPQH

Telephone: 01929 422973
www.stgeorgeslangton.dorset.sch.uk
office@stgeorgeslangton.dorset.sch.uk



St. George's CE VA Primary School
High Street
Langton Matravers
Swanage
Dorset
BH19 3HB

Enrichment activities continue to be many and various. Lunch-time and after school clubs offer a range of activities including football, multi-sports, hockey, tag-rugby, dance, choir, recorder, ukulele, craft and Lego. Matches have been played against other schools, swimming lessons take place at the Vista pool, and Planet Sport provides a tutor once a week. There have been visiting speakers, including training for pupils and parents on road safety and safer internet use. Visits have been made to places of educational interest such as Corfe castle and the Life Education bus, and a residential visit to Osmington Bay Outdoor Adventure Centre for year 6 pupils. They also attended a service for all year 6 leavers at Salisbury cathedral. Special days have been devoted to topics like poetry, books, art activity and drama. Although the plot on the Village allotments has been given up, gardening continues using the new raised beds at school.

A highlight of the year was the Dedication of the new school building in June 2014, which was conducted by the Bishop of Sherborne. Two open days were held in June when parents and members of the community were invited to visit the newly completed building; on these occasions year 6 pupils showed them round proudly. Links with St George's church and the community have continued, with pupils participating in Church services at Christmas, Easter, Harvest Festival and the Leavers' service. In addition a Mothering Day service was held at school, and the choir sang at the Remembrance Day service. The choir also sang at Putlake Christmas market, and for the residents of the Old Rectory, as well as at village fairs in the summer where pupils also performed maypole dances. This year pupils decorated a tree at the Kingston Christmas tree festival and provided the cover design for the December edition of the Dubber as usual. Involvement with others has been fostered through donating to support various charities, welcoming leaders from other churches to lead worship, and recently through the "Open the Book" Bible-teaching project, brought into school by the wider church community.

As ever, the PTA (Friends of St George's) has worked to raise funds in support of the school's provision of the best education possible for our pupils. They have arranged discos, Christmas parties, provided catering, and for the first time, in conjunction with the Scouts, they organised the successful Village Summer Fayre. So much valued work in the school is carried out by this hard-working group, who would always welcome new members.

Further information can be found on the School website www.stgeorg.j2webby.com

Headteacher:
Mrs Anita Cubitt B.Ed Hons, NPQH

Telephone: 01929 422973
www.stgeorgeslangton.dorset.sch.uk
office@stgeorgeslangton.dorset.sch.uk



St. George's CE VA Primary School
High Street
Langton Matravers
Swanage
Dorset
BH19 3HB