



CLIFFORD ROAD GOVERNING BODY

Autumn Term 2010

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to the Autumn Term Update from Clifford Road Governing Body.

The Autumn Term is when we look back on the performance of the School over the previous year and meet with our School Improvement Partner appointed by Suffolk County Council. As we reported in the Summer, the initial results were very promising and the final picture showed a 20% improvement on the 2009 results with 77% of pupils attaining a level 4 (the standard for age 11) in both English and Maths. 87% of pupils attained a level 4 in English, with 38% getting a Level 5 and 79% attaining a level 4 in Maths, with 35% getting Level 5. The following table shows how our results compare with other schools in our cluster, area, in Suffolk and nationally.

2010		Level 4 or above					Level 5 or above					2 levels progress KS1-2				
		School	Cluster	Area	LA	Nat	School	Cluster	Area	LA	Nat	School	Cluster	Area	LA	Nat
Pupils 47	English	87	84	79	76	81	38	35	30	26	33	95	88	81	75	
	Reading	79	87	82	81	84	43	53	47	44	51					
AvPts 28.0	Writing	85	75	69	65	71	34	21	19	15	21					
	Maths	79	79	79	76	80	38	32	33	28	35	80	80	80	74	
K1-2 VA	Science TA	77	81	83	84	85	36	30	35	32	37					
	En&Ma	77	75	72	68	74	23	22	21	16	23					

These results are extremely positive and the progress of the School has been recognised by our School Improvement Partner. This term the Governing Body considered how we can sustain this improvement and adopted the new School Improvement Plan which will be available on the website after Christmas. It sets out the actions we will be putting in place over the next year to continue to increase the percentage of children working at or above age related expectations. These cover specific actions in terms of improving pupil outcomes, the quality of teaching and provision, school leadership and management and actions in the Early Years and Foundation Stage of the School. We will keep you informed on progress.

As well as considering school improvement, the Governing Body met at the end of November and received a report from the Head teacher. The report included feedback on the September residential trip to the Isle of Wight. This was the first time the school trip had been to the Isle of Wight it was an outstanding success with children and staff really enjoying themselves and getting to know each other. We are keen that all children should have the chance to experience these trips and the current year 6 have helped to promote the trip to next year's pupils and 40 children out of the current 47 children in Year 5 will be going.

This term also saw the beginning of the two year Comenius project that has been funded by the British Council. This allows some of our teachers to visit schools across Europe and for our children to make contact with other pupils. Thirty four foreign teachers visited Clifford Road on Monday 8th and Tuesday 9th November to begin the project.

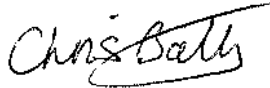
A highlight of the Autumn Term Governing Body was a presentation from three representatives of the School Council (Harry, Olivia and Jake). The presentation was well received by Governors and following a useful question and answer session, governors agreed that this should become a regular feature at their meetings and in future representatives from the Governing Body will attend School Council meetings.

The Governing Body also considered a number of communication items including an opportunity to look at the new school prospectus which will be sent to all parents early in the New Year. We would like to take the opportunity to thank Helen Saunders, who left the Governing Body this term, for working on the prospectus and for all the time she has spent working as a Governor at Clifford Road.

We also adopted the new School Complaints Procedure and a full copy on this will be on the School website. However, we thought it would be a useful reminder for all to include a short flow chart which sets out how to go about reporting concerns or complaints at end of this newsletter. This procedure is a countywide procedure which has been adopted by the Governing Body.

As always, should you have any questions about the work of the Governing Body or any observations that you wish to share, please do not hesitate to contact us at the following e-mail address (chris@bally3.fsnet.co.uk) or through the school.

Best wishes and have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year,



Chris Bally
Chair of Governors

Steve Wood
Head teacher

Clifford Road Primary School – Flowchart for reporting concerns or complaints

