

Churchfields – The Village School **Head teacher report 2008-2009**

Churchfields - The Village School has had a most successful year. In March the school received an Ofsted inspection. We were judged as being a good school with outstanding features. In May we were subject to a SIAS [RE] inspection, this also reported very favourably on the school.

We had very good SAT results at both key stages particularly so at Key Stage 2. All pupils achieved level 4 and above in English with 50% achieving the level 5 grade. All pupils achieved level 4 and above in Science with 83% achieving the higher grade of level 5. In mathematics 83% of pupils achieved level 4 and higher with 50% of pupils achieving the above average grade of level 5. This cohort of children produced our best ever results.

The two newly qualified teachers who were appointed in September 2007 completed their first year of teaching and are now recognised as fully qualified teachers.

In September, sixteen children started school. Our number on roll was 115 pupils; we are now heading towards 120 pupils. We are rapidly becoming a sought after school.

The Churchfields PTA have also been highly successful during the past year. They have organised numerous and varied fund raising activities such as a fashion show where the teaching and support staff acted as the models.

The walking bus continues to be well supported by the families of Atworth and we were pleased to support the planning of a 'zebra' crossing within the village.

The school supports 'mums and toddlers' groups at both bases. They meet regularly in the school halls.

The school continues to be happy to welcome the support of the older residents of the villages, listening to children read. We thank them for their ongoing dedicated weekly support.

The 'old' Atworth PTA has purchased new shelving and furniture and has replenished the library stock. This has enabled the Atworth base to have a designated and desirable updated library area.

The new administrative block was completed in April of 2008. This facility is much appreciated by the staff, parents, pupils and governors. The Atworth base has also had a new fire escape installed, creating two new withdrawal areas and a chair store. In the next few weeks, we hope that the covered area will be erected and this will enable the younger children to be able to access outside learning. I would like to take this opportunity of thanking the Parish Council for their support during the planning application process.

The children have as always, been most active and have been involved in many and varied activities. They have sung and danced, played tag rugby, netball, football, and rounders. They have participated in many religious celebrations e.g. Harvest, Christmas and Easter. There have been numerous memorable performances in plays such as 'Macbeth'.

The school has been awarded the Active Award, Basic Skills Award and achieved Healthy School Status for the second time. We are awaiting judgement on achieving the Artsmark for the second time.

The school can thus said to be thriving and vibrant. All of these successes are down to the hard working and dedicated team of staff, pupils, parents and governors, each individual making their own valuable contribution.

Third time lucky we received another inspection in October by HMI! This Ofsted survey inspection judged the impact of the federation to be outstanding overall. The school continues to reach out for success.