

Broadwas CE Primary School, Broadwas on Teme, Worcester, WR6 5NE

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**Report from Broadwas C of E Primary School
for the Annual Parish Meeting 2016**

At the time of writing this report we have 88 children on roll, 49 in Key Stage 2 and 39 in the Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1. We are delighted that at least eleven new children will start in our reception class in September 2016.

Governors realise that the future of the school can only be assured by increasing pupil numbers. There are currently vacancies in all but three year groups and a total of 20 spaces available in the school overall. We are hopeful that families moving into houses in the new developments in the village will choose our school for their children.

Children's achievement at Broadwas continues to be very good. In the Key Stage 2 SATs taken by our Year 6 children last summer, 100% of the children made at least 'expected progress' in reading, writing and maths. Broadwas School was ranked 9th out of 241 primary schools in the County for 90% or more of the children achieving Level 4B or above in Reading and Maths tests and Level 4 or above in Writing. These results are a testament to the hard work and commitment of our teachers in ensuring that children achieve the best they can and get a good start at secondary school.

As far as budgets permit, we continue to invest in the school building. The solar panels which we installed in January 2014 have saved us a considerable amount in fuel costs and brought in a useful income. Last summer we installed double-glazed windows and doors in our Year 5/6 classroom which has improved the energy efficiency and comfort levels in that area. In 2016/17 we hope to replace a number of computers in school before continuing to upgrade other classrooms.

We are grateful to the PTA for organising a number of social and fundraising events for the school. We are looking forward to our school fete on 25th June which we hope will be attended by local residents whose support has been appreciated by the school at events in the past.

During the year the children have experienced a number of exciting visits as part of their topic work. Year 1/2 visited the The Land of the Living Dinosaurs at West Midlands Safari Park to enhance their studies of dinosaurs; they also visited Sealife in Birmingham to see the penguins which they had learned about in school; Reception have visited a local farm and Tesco in connection with their work on 'The Little Red Hen'; Year 3/4 visited Bristol Zoo as part of their work on Rain Forests and Y5/6 also went to the Space Centre in Leicester where they were able to learn more

about the planets and solar system. Visits have also been organised to a Mandir to link in with the children's study of Hinduism.

In addition, all the children have participated in various sporting events organised at The Chantry where they have joined in activities with other schools in our 'cluster'. The school has participated in more competitive sports fixtures this year and has enjoyed success, particularly in cross country and football.

After-school clubs continue to be very popular with the children and we endeavour to introduce them to new sports and activities. This year we have arranged for staff from Worcestershire Cricket to run a Cricket Club for the children as well as a coach from GoCrea8 hockey to run a Hockey Club.

Since the publication of Ofsted's report about the school in March 2014, staff have worked extremely hard on the action points from the report. The Section 8 inspection in September 2014 was very positive and recent feedback from the Local Authority suggests that the outcome of the next inspection is likely to be much more positive for the school. We are grateful to members of our Governing Body who have supported us in this work.

The school has had another busy and challenging year and we thank the local community for their continued support.

Mark Allen
Headteacher