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St Michael's CE Primary School Report to Steventon Parish Council – May 2018

Currently, 185 children attend St Michael's CE Primary School in the 7 classes from Reception to Year 6. In addition, since September the school has been running a Nursery Class. At the moment, this has 34 children on roll. The increase in pupil numbers from last year means that at the moment 4 classes have a full complement of 30 children. An energetic team of 38 adults work within St Michael's, meaning that a total of nearly 260 people are involved in the organisation.

Early Years – “Acorn” and “Willow” Classes

The biggest change for the school over the past year has been the opening of “Acorn Class”; this is a Nursery Class, which currently caters for children from the age of 2½. The School Governors agreed to take over the Steventon Pre-School from September 2017, and it has been a pleasure to welcome the Pre-School staff to the St Michael's team. We have also been very pleased to welcome Mrs Bennett as Nursery Teacher.

“Willow Class” are now well settled into the new classroom, the construction of which was completed in December 2016. Staff are enjoying the opportunities that collaboration between Nursery and Reception Classes bring.

In September 2017, a community “Music on The Green” event was held to raise money for the Early Years children of St Michael's. Despite the inclement weather which resulted in “Music in the School Hall”, a fantastic turnout meant that a fabulous sum of money was raised, to help us improve resources in the two EY classrooms. The school would like to thank Joe Bennett and Kit Davis, who arranged the event.

Key Stage 1 – “Maple” and “Sycamore” Classes

“Maple Class” enjoy a varied curriculum, and love the time they are able to spend at the Steventon Copse. Their Forest School sessions are focused around an appreciation of the environment, problem solving and developing independence.

“Sycamore Class” have enjoyed some great school trips, including an outing to Oxford Castle, and a day by the sea at Mudeford, Dorset.

This year, Key Stage 1 performed the nativity play “The Shiniest Star”. It involved more than 10 children singing solos, and a barnstorming King Herod, singing in the style of James Brown!

Key Stage 2 – “Rowan”, “Elm”, “Ash” and “Oak” Classes

In September 2017, “Rowan Class” welcomed a new member of our teaching staff – Mrs Cartwright. Together with “Elm Class”, they recently put on performances of the musical “Dragon Days” to a packed school hall.

Meanwhile, “Ash” and “Oak” classes performed “Pantastic” last summer – a retelling of Peter Pan, complete with puns a-plenty and a ticking crocodile.

Children from Key Stage 2 have taken part in a number of extra-curricular events, including:

- Singing in the “Festival of Voices” at Dorchester Abbey;
- Winning the regional round of the Schools Quiz competition;
- Competing in sporting competitions including football, netball, hockey, swimming, tag rugby and even boccia.

Academy Conversion

Following a period of consultation with stakeholders in the Autumn of 2017, St Michael’s has decided to pursue the route of becoming an academy, as part of the Oxford Diocesan Schools Trust.

The process is a fairly long one, with negotiations taking place between the School and Academy Trust, and the Academy Trust and the DfE. At the moment we don’t have a projected completion date, but will make stakeholders aware when this is finalised.

Community Links

St Michael’s CE Primary School is very lucky to be surrounded and supported by such a close community. Over the last year, a number of collaborative events have taken place which include:

- Regular Church Services, including a treasure hunt, Christmas and Easter Services, and “Experience Easter” workshops for all children from Years 1-6;
- Very generous support from SARINC, with a direct impact on the outcomes of children living in Steventon;
- SSA (Steventon School Association) events including the quiz, Christmas Fayre and Easter Egg Hunt;
- “Open The Book” assemblies, led by volunteers from St Michael & All Angels’ Church.

The school would like to extend thanks to all members of the school community, for their ongoing help and support – they add enormous value to the experiences of our children.

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