



Staverton CE Primary School



Wednesday 20th July 2016

Dear Parents

I am writing to you, as the academic year draws to a close, to reflect on another very productive year.

2015-16 has been the second full year of being an academy. The school continues to build a very productive relationship with the Peterborough Diocese Educational Trust (PDET). Moving to academy status with PDET continues to prove to be the right decision. PDET is approachable, proving to be a well-structured and organised operation with competent staff in key positions. This enables it to provide equal measures of challenge and support for the Head, which is so important if a school is going to keep developing in the right direction.

The school again has more children on roll than ever before with an expected 106 children in September. Reception for September 2016 has been oversubscribed once again with 44 families expressing a preference for Staverton. The school continues to invest heavily in increasing its staff team to support children in their learning.

From a governors' point of view we would say we have seen (and have the evidence for) the school working tirelessly in the drive for improvement over the past 12 months. We hope you, as parents, have seen the same picture. In particular we are delighted with:

- (i) The positive impact of curriculum and teaching and learning developments which have been recognised by external consultants;
- (ii) Continued praise from PDET personnel regarding Mrs Walker-Green's robust systems and recommendation to share them with other schools in the Trust;
- (iii) The embedding of our new school values and strengthened ethos.
- (iv) The development of our PE / Sport provision. Children have represented the school in numerous interschool competitions this year.
- (v) The improvement of the learning environment; 3 classrooms were fully redecorated during the Summer holiday prior to this academic year. This followed the refurbishment of the Challenge Area last year.

In her letter circulated yesterday, the Head makes the point of praising the fantastic group of staff that teach your children. On behalf of the governors I would like to add our sincere thanks for everything they've done over this past year. However, any school is only as good as its Head and here at Staverton we are extremely fortunate to have Mrs Walker-Green at the helm. She has great vision and drive, leads by example, never stands still and is only interested in the quality of education she can provide for your children. We are delighted with how she leads the school..... we hope you are too!

With best wishes for an enjoyable Summer.

Yours sincerely

Mr John Shackleton
Chairman of Governors

