

# Hollingbourne Primary School

## Snapshot of 2022-23

It's been another really busy year at Hollingbourne Primary School, and the Governors are sending this Newsletter to review and remember all the events of the year, and to take the opportunity to thank those who have been involved in making our little community school so successful.

The provision the children receive at the school is truly spectacular, and the following events will show you quite how much the school pack into one year. As well as achieving amazing results in official data for year 1 phonics and KS1 and KS2 results, the school manage to include a wide range of extra-curricular activities that enhance the children and support their wellbeing. It will be difficult to squeeze everything onto two sides, but here goes....

### Cherry and Beech

Cherry and Pine classes have been on a walk and picnic in May, a trip to the pantomime Cinderella at the Marlow in January, Lower Grange Farm residential in July and year 2 also went to Leeds Castle to learn about the Kings and Queens who are linked to Leeds Castle.

The children all performed a play, the Little Fir Tree, in December, and joined in with all the whole school activities in the section on the next page.

Year 1 phonics screening saw our students achieve a massive 86% at expected level, whilst Year 2 completed their end of Key Stage testing and achieved:

Reading 80%

Writing 73%

Maths 67%

*Nationally all 3 were around 67% last year*



### Pine

This year, Pine class have been learning to swim, they have been to the pantomime Cinderella at the Marlow, to a Wildwood workshop about digestion and also to look at habitats, and to Young Voices at the O2 (a massive concert when all the children sing together) when Hollingbourne students formed part of the whole choir.

The class also performed a recorder recital for their parents, as well as a wonderful play called Starwats at Easter time.

In sport, the lower KS2 team took part in a football competition and we were very proud when they were awarded the fair play award.

As well as all this, Pine class took part in all the whole school activities on the next page.



## Oak

Oak class have been on trips to Cinderella at the Marlow, as well as a brilliant residential at Gilwell Park where they joined in outdoor adventurous activities like raft building, fire lighting, the 3G swing, crate stacking, and much more. In addition to these joint trips, Year 5 have also been to a Science Fayre at Cornwallis Academy to use bunsen burners, forensics, rocks and food tests. Year 6 went bowling and also to a safety in action day that aimed to prepare them to keep themselves safe as they move onto secondary school.

This summer, Oak class performed a play called Yeeha. In sports, the upper KS2 team played in a tag rugby festival and won every game! Well done!

Year 6 performed outstandingly in their KS2 SATs:  
Reading at expected 93% and above expected 40%  
Writing at expected 80% and above expected 20%  
Maths at expected 80% and above expected 7%



## Whole-school news and thanks

Whole-school events included pancake races, egg rolling, harvest boxes, sports day, Christingle, Easter service, Maypole dancing and a bake off. Students have also participated in a wide range of afterschool clubs such as running, tag rugby, girls football, hockey, choir, premier sports, mindfulness, maypole dancing, and flute (yr 5/6).

Improvements to the school and grounds have seen the development of a sensory garden, which will be developed further by the children on the school council using a budget allocated to them! Fencing has been added at the front of the school, with plans to complete the rest of the perimeter over the coming year. There are also new fire doors, the redecoration of two classrooms, a new library space and 15 new ipads/several new laptops. Plans have now been approved for the new windows to be installed.

In staff news, we welcome the new year 2 teacher, Mr Pope, congratulations to Miss Lamb who has successfully completed her first year of teaching, welcome back to Mrs Ischt who returns to Cherry class from maternity leave and a very fond farewell to Mrs Ross who has become part of the Hollingbourne team in the year she has been with us, stepping in to take on Cherry class superbly. We also say goodbye to Mrs Dive. We wish them the best for their future.

Attendance at the school remains above National average at 94.5%, the highest attendance is Beech class 95.9%

Finally, to our thanks. The Governors would like to begin by thanking the WI for organising the pancake races, the Findley Foundation for their generous donation towards purchasing books and equipment. Also, a massive thanks to the Friends of Hollingbourne who have organised the circus, quiz night, icecreams for the children at sports day, Uniform sales, refreshments to name a few. The adults who volunteer their time are really appreciated by the school and the Governors. We thank the Church for hosting many events and for running assembly every Thursday. Captain Graham is retiring and the children (and staff) of the school will miss his amazing and mesmerising stories. Enjoy your retirement.

Thanks also go to parents who provide such wonderful support to the school through their attendance at events, supporting their children with homework, providing some really useful feedback in surveys that have led to improvements at the school and for their positive comments and support of the school, it is really appreciated.

Our final thanks are to the tireless work of all the staff at the school. We thank you for your dedication to the children in your care, and for going above and beyond to enrich their lives.

Have a happy and restful summer and stay safe. See you in September. The Governors!