

## Hawkesbury CE VC Primary School: Report for Parish Council March 2010

### **The school is in the heart of the community and this is very important to everyone.**

Louise Lewis (Head) has been in post since January 2009 and is making a very positive contribution. Her infectious enthusiasm helps the school to thrive and continually move forward. She keeps the village well informed in the Parish News. There have been several staff changes since September 2009. Wendy Peacock retired and has been replaced by Mrs. Christine Wilson and Mrs. Hannah Hornig who do a good job 'job share' in Reception class. Miss Charlotte Hawker has replaced Paul Gardner who is working in the Gambia and Miss Shelley Baldam is covering for Ms Deb Ferris who is on secondment to the local authority for two years.

There continues to be a very supportive and hard working group of Governors most of who live in the village. The same can be said for the PTA who raises a tremendous amount of money to benefit the children.

As of March 2010 there are 93 children on role and 9 will leave from Year 6 in July and to date there are 14 first places in Reception Class in September.

### **How pupils contribute to the school and wider community**

- Recently Chris Webster came to talk about the 125<sup>th</sup> Village Show, children will be making posters and advertising leaflets
- Hawk Class (Class 6) have worked with PC Ashford, using his traffic speed cameras to measure traffic speed through the village
- The children planned their own fundraising events following the Haiti earthquake, which raised £400
- There are stronger links with St. Mary's Church and visits are made each term (transport being funded by the Church Trust Fund). The children will help with the forthcoming Flower Festival in June in the Church
- The KS2 Christmas Concert was held in the Church and was extremely successful – parents and friends especially welcomed the wine and mince pies
- Children continue their links with Beaufort House Residential Home
- A wreath is laid at the War Memorial every Remembrance Sunday
- Lots of other links too numerous to mention...

### **Buildings**

- The new ramp is an asset to the school building and ensures easy access for all, yet does not detract from the overall appearance from the road
- Security gates have been fitted on either side of the school to ensure pupils safety in this ever changing world
- The school office is now situated at the front of the school which makes it easier for visitors and security alike and makes use of the original door

Finally, our Ofsted report over a year ago found us to be a good school and recognised the significant improvements and changes that have been made during the past year.

The whole staff and governors should be highly commended for their hard work and commitment.

Pamela H. Bendry  
Chair of Governors