

Parish Council Report on the previous 12 months for Broadwas CE Primary School May 2024

What has been significant for us over the past year and what do we feel is important for next year? How can the Parish Council Support us?

Significant issues over the last 12 months

- The school has continued to develop its curriculum over the last 12 months. We have focused on a new Humanities scheme focusing on Geography and History development. This includes looking at the local environment and wider into the UK and the world.
- The school has developed key 'Drivers' for the curriculum Care of our Environment, Culture and Diversity, Creativity and Innovation and Economy and Power. These were selected by the staff as key areas that the children needed to develop to increase their understanding of the world.
- Staff have been developing 'Quality First Teaching' in order to support all of our learners and the school have developed new interventions for children who have been finding their core learning difficult.
- Catch Up support has remained this year as we manage the COVID fall out.
- School have also continued to support families by using the Pupil Premium money to support children with their learning, access to mental health and pastoral support and to provide funds for trips and uniforms.
- Sports premium has been utilised to support staff with PE training, fund new equipment, support swimming catch up and delivery, offer competitive experiences in sport with local schools and new experiences for the children including Lacrosse, Glow Dodge Ball and Kurling!
- Key focus 1 has been the move to apply for Academisation. This process is nearly complete and we are potentially in the DOWMAT from September 2024. This will provide extra support in developing staff CPD, ability to buy bulk resources and future proofing long term financial support of the school.
- Key Focus 2 is the development and amalgamation with the Bumblebees Pre-School. This is to ensure that we have all the children from the pre-school move into the main school and this is seen as a natural transition process. This is essential for the long-term survival of the school as pupil numbers are falling due to the housing prices in the area.
- Key Focus 3 is the building of the new front entrance to school. This will provide specific disabled access with rear parking, safe pathway and new disabled toilet facilities. It will also provide a new 'kurb appeal' to the school which will be essential if we are to encourage children to the school from outside of the area. It will also allow a safer access to and from the site.

Significant Issues for next year

- Continued rise in SEND numbers
- Continued rise in the support of Mental Health in the community.
- Continued rise in non-attendance from certain pupils.
- Demands of a small budget that is getting squeezed smaller every year.
- The need for more pupils to maintain a fully functioning and flourishing school.
Need to raise numbers in school to allow the school in the long term to survive.

Many thanks
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