



Heartwood Church of England VC Primary and Nursery School

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Live life in all its fullness, John 10:10

Dear Heartwood families,

This school year started with the Heartwood community being invited to review and refresh our vision and values. As a Church of England school, our vision and values are based around the teachings of Jesus and underpin the life of the school. Looking back on the year, I hope you will agree that the school really does provide rich, exciting learning opportunities.

We live in a world in which change seems to be happening faster and faster. It is so important that we have somewhere we can find some sense of calm. Whenever I have been in Heartwood, I get a strong sense of a community that understands the importance of mutual respect, a recognition that we are all individuals and have different needs, strengths and abilities. I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to the fantastic work that the staff do in providing the children not only with exciting learning opportunities, but also the work they do in supporting and guiding the children through the challenges we all face.

The governors are very aware of their responsibilities with regards to challenging the school to achieve the best possible outcomes for every pupil. Our meetings always include looking at the latest data with regards to the pupils' progress particularly in reading, writing and maths. You may know that the end of KS2 SATS results have been improving over the last two years and this year has seen a continuing improvement. However, we all want Heartwood to have the best results possible, and the aim is for our KS2 results to be at least national average.

In my last end of year report I was able to confirm that we had appointed Mrs. Starman as our headteacher and, as Mrs. Starman completes just over a full year as headteacher, I would like to thank her for the inspirational leadership she has brought to Heartwood. She has built upon the firm Hygge foundations which makes the school such a special place, but Mrs. Starman has a very strong and determined ambition to see the school improve year on year. Any leader also needs a team to help those ambitions happen and the governors recognise that we have a staff team that is equally determined to bring those improvements to fruition.

Your support for your child and the school is so important and I hope you have been able to make the most of the various opportunities the school provides for parents and carers to see what is happening in the school. I've been very pleased to meet some of you at parents' evenings and have welcomed your feedback on Heartwood. Looking back over this year's calendar, the range of trips and events is so impressive – my highlights have been the Heartwood Music Festival, the art exhibitions, the Colour Run and the Church services.



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This is my last report as Chair of Governor so I would like to thank the governors for their support and hard work over the last twelve months. Finally, looking ahead to the 26/27 school year, I hope you and your child will have a very happy and successful year at Heartwood.

Lee Stevens
Chair of Governors



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