

Message from the Chair of Governors...

This academic year has flown by and another group of children prepare to depart Ashford CE for an exciting new chapter in their education at their respective secondary schools. On behalf of the Governing Body I would like to extend my best wishes to all the children who are leaving us, as well as some staff members who have some exciting adventures ahead around the globe!

This year has been a huge success and our thanks must go to our staff who have worked tirelessly to ensure each child achieves their potential.

All our children have worked so very hard and this is reflected in the great results we have seen throughout the school this academic year. We, as governors, are very proud of our children and would like to thank them for their commitment and hard work over the last year.

Finally, thanks must go to our parents and carers for your continued support. We wish you all a safe and relaxing summer holidays. Please try to encourage your children to keep reading and use the Mathematics website over the holidays and we look forward to welcoming them back to school in September ready for the new challenges ahead.

Phil Wells, Chair of Governors

200 years of history

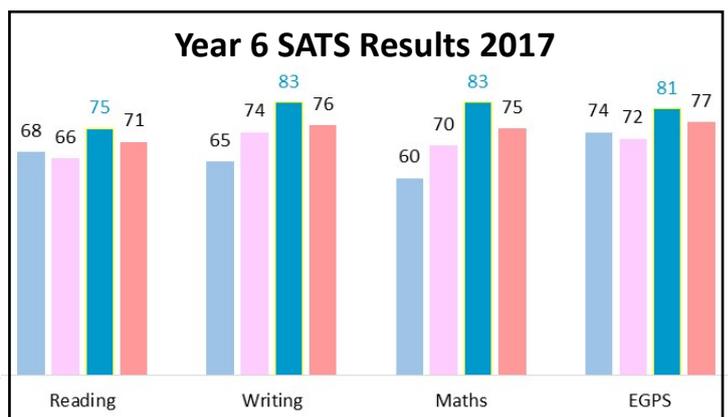
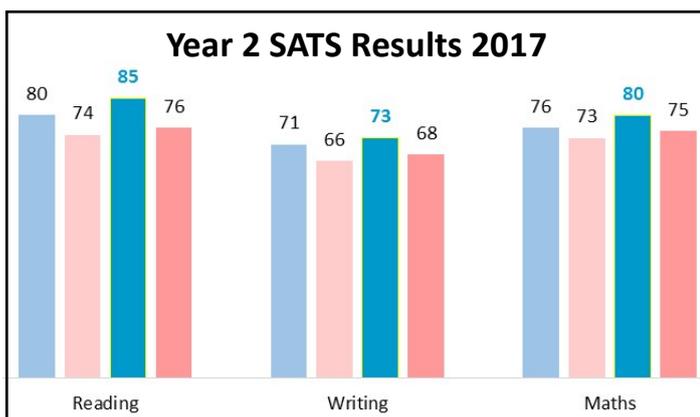
200 years ago the “practical Christianity of Zachariah Foxall” led to the founding of our school. Ever since then the school has been overseen by a group of people (trustees, managers and, now, governors). Looking back through the archives reveals that they have faced many of the same things we face today (budgets, building work, inspections). We are honoured to follow in their footsteps to continue to ensure the school strives to provide the best education for our children, within the caring Christian community that has been at the heart of our school since its foundation back in 1817.

SATS Results 2017

This year was the second year of the new National Assessments system and we are very pleased that our results have improved in all areas. In Year 6 we’ve seen some big improvements and our results are now well above the national average in each area. Well done to all the children and staff throughout the school who have worked so hard both during the school day but also by running and attending booster sessions.

Our Year 1 pupils recently took part in the Phonics screening test and we’re delighted that they’ve achieved a 90% pass rate. Reception have been working hard too and we’ve continued to see an increase in the number of pupils achieving a Good Level of Development (GLD), with this years group achieving 71%.

Further information about our results can be found on our website: www.ashford-primary.surrey.sch.uk/about/attainment.php



ACE Governing Body

Following several changes to the makeup of the governing body during 2016/2017 we thought it would be useful to give you a summary of who is on the body as a helpful reminder.

We are confident that each member of the body brings their own unique set of skills based on their experience and profession which allows us to provide a well-rounded body committed to providing a clear strategic vision for the school.

Meet the Governor: Clare Marland

Clare is a qualified lawyer with 17 years' experience working in the public sector. Part of her current role is to provide advice on issues of governance for Local Authorities as well as advising on all matters relating to the management of commercial property assets for a local Council. Clare is an ex-student of ACE. She has a son who attends the school and recently had a daughter in August 2016.

What is a Parent Governor?

Following the election of two new parent governors this year we thought it prudent to clarify what this role is. A Parent Governor role is the same as that of any other governor, the only difference is that they are elected by the parents and carers of pupils at the

Governor	Role
Phil Wells	Chair of Governors Foundation Governor for St Matthews
Liz Rhodes	Vice Chair of Governors LDBS Foundation Governor
Lisa Richardson	Vice Chair of Governors Foundation Governor for St Hildas
Caroline Dyer	Ex-Officio - Headteacher
Rhys Williams	Foundation Deanery Governor
Carolyn Clark	Foundation Governor for St Hildas
Sukhi Vella	Local Authority Governor
Louise Bowman	Parent Governor
Emily Hams	Staff Governor
Fr Stuart King	Ex-Officio – Parish Priest St Matthews
Clare Marland	Parent Governor
Paul Betts	Parent Governor
Jenny Wilsher	Foundation LDBS Governor
Richard Austin	Associate Governor

school. They provide an important parental viewpoint but it's important to note that they do not act as representatives of parents, therefore whilst they can listen impartially to concerns raised by parents they must guide parents to use the usual appropriate lines of action and procedures in place for the school.

Further details on our Governors can be found on the school's website www.ashford-primary.surrey.sch.uk/about/governors-info.php

Our School Hall - your Building and Maintenance contributions in action!

Thank you to those of you who have had contributed to the building and maintenance fund this year. As you will know the major work this year as seen the school hall improved. The removal of the stage and creation of a multi use work space is making a massive difference to our school on a daily basis. Having a multi use space means it is used daily for small groups but can also still be used for school productions, as seen at last weeks fantastic year 6 production of Alice the Musical.



More information about this vital fund can be found on the school website (www.ashford-primary.surrey.sch.uk/about/governors-fund.php). If you haven't already set up a regular payment please consider doing so and help us maintain, and improve, our school further.