

FARTHINGHOE COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Main Road, Farthinghoe, Brackley, Northants, NN13 5PA.



Report to Farthinghoe APM Wednesday 13 April 2016

School continues to thrive and is oversubscribed with 43 pupils currently on roll. 7 applicants to join in September and 5 pupils transferring to secondary school in September.

Outcomes

100% of pupils transferring to secondary school last year (Sept 2015) met or exceeded the Government's target rates of progress in Reading and Writing. One pupil (who had a statement of special educational needs) did not make the targeted rate of progress in maths, the rest of the cohort met or exceeded the Government's target rates of progress and attainment.

Our value added score shows that our pupils continue to make better than expected rates of progress during their time at Farthinghoe School.

Ambassadors

The older pupils are invited annually to apply to become school ambassadors and take on responsibility for raising money for charity, looking after the school site, communication and road safety and healthy living. Our road safety ambassadors continue to develop initiatives to encourage parents/carers to park at the village hall to alleviate congestion around the school site.

Music

12 pupils take musical instrument lessons in school - guitar and violin.

We pay for a specialist music teacher to teach all pupils music each week.

Under a government funded initiative, all pupils in years 3 to 6 were taught a brass musical instrument for 10 weeks last year. Pupils are just about to start learning the samba drums - we are grateful for the use of the church for this!

Over 20 pupils took part in the Rotary Club of Banbury's Children Singing for Children Concert in St. Mary's Church. They joined with 4 other local schools to raise money for children's charities around the world.

Sport

We continue to purchase the services of a PE teacher at Chenderit School to lead training for pupils and staff and to allow for inter-school sporting competition. Pupils have been offered the opportunity to participate in; indoor athletics, gymnastics, multi skills, cross country, tag rugby, football and one pupil was selected to go on a gifted and talented training day learning about the physical, social and psychological demands of being a gifted and talented sports person.

Extra-curricular activities

In addition to the above we will be offering pupils the opportunity to take part in gardening, cricket and science clubs outside of the normal school day during the summer terms.

School trips

We acknowledge the importance for the children to learn 'outside of the classroom' and enhance their learning through the use of external visitors to the school and trips to relevant places of interest. In the last 12 months pupils have been to Sea Life Centre, Black Country Museum, Warwick Castle, Pantomime at the Mill Arts Centre, Milton Keynes Synagogue and British Motor Museum.

Leadership

As of the end of last term, Mrs Toman has tendered her resignation as Executive Headteacher and Mrs Bridson has decided to call time on her 40+ years of teaching. Both will leave at the end of the summer term with our best wishes. The search for suitable replacements is underway.

Federation

The governors considered responses to the consultation and decided that the time is not currently right to proceed with federation.

Farthinghoe is an outstanding school; it is an excellent school and pupils, staff, parents and governors all work hard to ensure the very best outcomes for our children. You should be proud of your village school. We are.

Graham Thorley
Chair of the governing body