



# East Brent Church of England First School

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Dear Parents and Carers

## Review of the year 2015-2016

As we rapidly approach the end of another academic year, the time has come to reflect on the successes and achievements of this school over the past 12 months.

Pride of place has to go to the children. Across the school they have worked incredibly hard and made really good progress against a background of increased expectations for achievement. They have taken part in a wide range of sporting activities including golf, boccia ball, curling and archery in addition to the regular sports of football, netball and kwik cricket. It was a delight to see the whole school competing enthusiastically in another well organised and well attended Sports Day. The school's sports facilities have been enhanced with the new Sport England funded play area, which had its official opening in February. It has been well used by the children during the school breaks and in the after school PE clubs.

Back in the school we were delighted and entertained by the nativity play and the hilarious Class 3 production of 'Hoodwinked'. The residential visit to Kilve was another great success.

I would like to thank all the staff and the many volunteers who contribute to and enrich the life of the school, and help to make things happen. I also thank you, the parents and carers, who support your children and the school. There are too many of you to name in person but please be assured that everyone who contributes to the life of the school is valued and appreciated. The staff in particular have worked exceptionally hard to ensure that the children have enjoyed a broad, balanced and creative curriculum.

This has been a record-breaking year for attendance at services at St Mary's Church. We had the Crib service before Christmas, the charity fund raising Big Breakfast at Easter and the leavers' service is to come. Ascension Day saw us joining up with Brent Knoll Primary School for the service on the Knoll and we further strengthened our link with our neighbouring school with a Year 4 'getting to know you' day in preparation for the move to Hugh Sexey's Middle School.

The PTA have continued to provide invaluable support for the school, raising money for the Key Stage 2 outdoor classroom and other facilities through events such as the Christmas Fair, Easter Egg Hunt and the Summer Fete. We must also thank the tireless

group of volunteers who have provided teas, cream teas and coffee at the school events, raising much-needed funds in the process.

There have been a few changes in the Governing Body during the year. Jo Richardson and David Mitchell both stood down for personal reasons. Likewise, our Clerk, Katy Carleton has also resigned. We have been pleased to welcome David Harries and Natasha Steele on to the Governing Body and Jim Bishop has taken over the role of Clerk. Jim is also the Clerk to the Governing Body at Lympsham and whilst the two Governing Bodies will remain completely separate, his role at East Brent is part of the ongoing collaboration and sharing of resources with our neighbouring schools.

It is time for us to say farewell to our 13 leavers from Year 4 as they move on to Hugh Sexey's Middle School. We are immensely proud of them and hope that they will look back on their time at East Brent Church of England First School with pride. We look forward to welcoming back all of the children who will be moving up a year, and to meeting 13 new children in Reception in September.

Sadly, we will soon have to say goodbye to our headteacher, Nicola Hare. I would like to take this opportunity to wish her every success and happiness with her future career at Upton upon Severn Primary School and life with Tim in Worcester. I hope you will join me in thanking her for her enormous contribution to the school's success over the past nine years. Her work here has ensured that East Brent First School will have a secure and successful future and we will all be sorry to see her go.

At the end of this year we also say goodbye to Bonny Owens, our Learning Support Assistant, who will be leaving us to take up a full-time post at Castle Batch Primary School in Worle.

I look forward to welcoming to the school, Fiona Robertson, our new Headteacher, and Kerrie Williams our new part-time Class 2 teacher, when we reopen in September.

As we move forward we will be working closely with our neighbouring schools and in particular, the seven schools that will be joining us in the Wessex Learning Trust. East Brent Church of England First School will maintain its distinctive ethos and will remain at the centre of our community. By working together within our family of schools we aim to continue to provide the best education and to create a unique experience for our children.

With all good wishes for the summer.

Yours sincerely



**Alan Davies**  
**Chair of Governors**  
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