

Governor Report to Parents



Message from our Chair of Governors



It is my pleasure to present our annual report to parents 2017/ 18. Within this document you will find a summary of the working life of the school and governing body. On behalf of the governing body I would like to thank pupils, staff and parents for their continued support for our very successful school!

As a school we continue to grow. It is very reassuring to see how we are developing as a community and the support that you, the parents offer pupils on a day to day basis. Our school standards continue to improve and we are proud of our academic achievements this year.

We would like to invite you to the 'Annual Parents Meeting' on Thursday 13th September at 6pm on our Chapel Lane site - at which the governing body will summarise this report and elaborate on school developments this year!


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Read Write Inc Phonics

We are now coming to the end of our second year and phonics teaching is having a positive impact on reading standards.

My Book Blog

As soon as pupils complete the read write inc scheme they begin to use 'My Book Blog'. This is an online portal that allows pupils to develop comprehension skills across KS2.

Maths - Reasoning Skills

There has been a focus on teaching reasoning lessons this year. Pupils also access RM Easimaths at home and at school.

Use of QR Codes in Science

Teachers have received training on how to create QR codes containing photo/ video evidence to support pupil assessments.

Raising the Profile of Welsh

Our newly established 'Criw Cymraeg' have met regularly this year. The 'Helpwr Heddiw' system has been re-established. Each school site has a Welsh display and each classroom has a Welsh working wall!

Target Setting Procedures

Our procedures are becoming more refined. Teachers meet with senior staff every term to discuss progress and plan support for their pupils.

Developing a Creative Curriculum

We have been involved in several pilot projects this year including Creative Arts Wales and Mantle of the Expert projects. Both projects focus on creativity within the curriculum.

PSE - School sport and health

Ysgol Y Waun has achieved 'Healthy Schools Gold Status' in recognition of our commitment to promoting school sport and health!

IMPROVEMENTS TO OUR BUILT ENVIRONMENT

- Our Y1 and Y2 classrooms have had new classroom doors fitted during the spring term.
- Our conference room at Lloyds Lane has been refurbished - in preparation for September - when it will be used as an additional classroom.
- The head teacher's office at Chapel Lane is now used as a multi-purpose work space for school staff to use.
- New activity trails have been installed on both school sites.
- The Lloyds Lane car park has undergone renovation - for use by school and Freedom Leisure.



National Curriculum Assessments

FOUNDATION PHASE- 2018 results	School		LA 2017		Wales 2017	
	O5	O6	O5	O6	O5	O6
Literacy, language and communication	90%	19%	90%	41%	88%	38%
Mathematical Development	92%	15%	91%	40%	90%	39%
Personal & Social Development	92%	28%	95%	58%	95%	61%
Foundation Phase Indicator (FPI)	85%	***	88%	***	87%	***

KEY STAGE 2 - 2018 results	School		LA-2017		Wales 2017	
	L4	L5	L4	L5	L4	L5
ENGLISH	100%	52%	92%	44%	91%	43%
MATHS	94%	45%	93%	47%	92%	45%
SCIENCE	94%	39%	93%	47%	92%	46%
Combined Subject Indicator (CSI)	94%	***	90%	***	90%	***

School Financial Statement



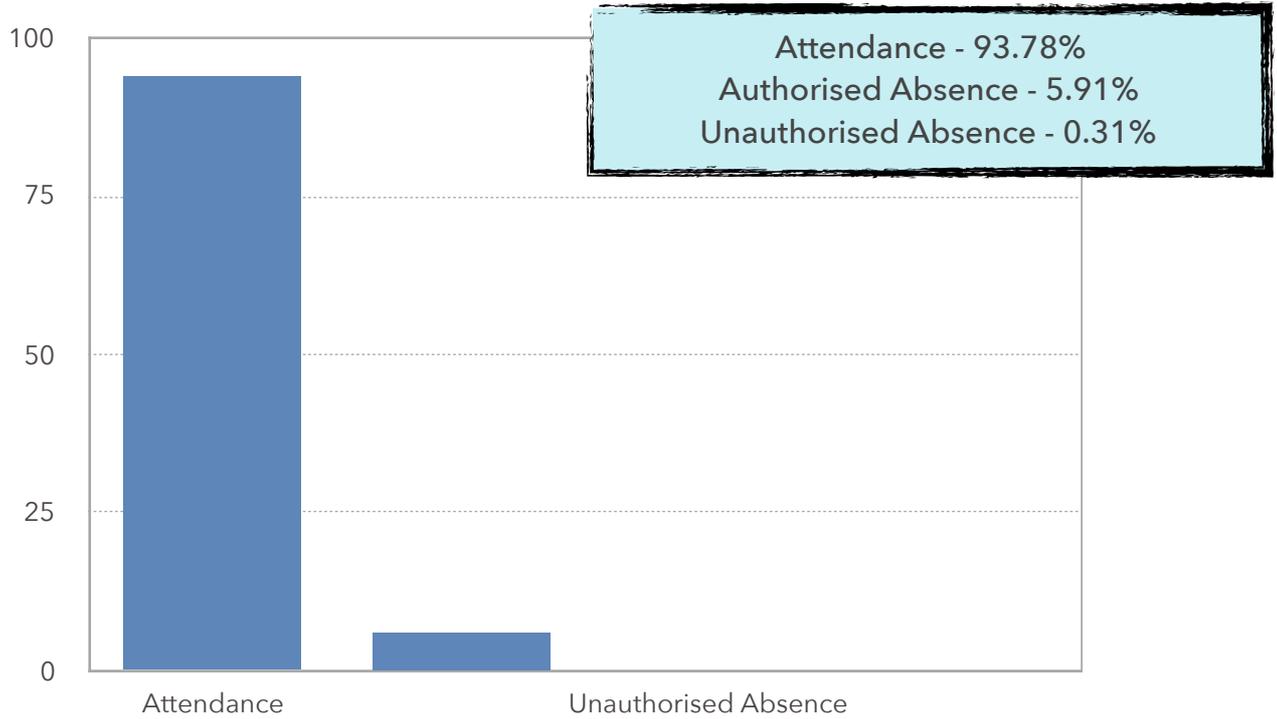
Opening Balance	£37'252
Employees	£1'192'419.45
Premises	£75'542.57
Transport	£256.58
Supplies	£55'973.83
Closing Balance	£5'633



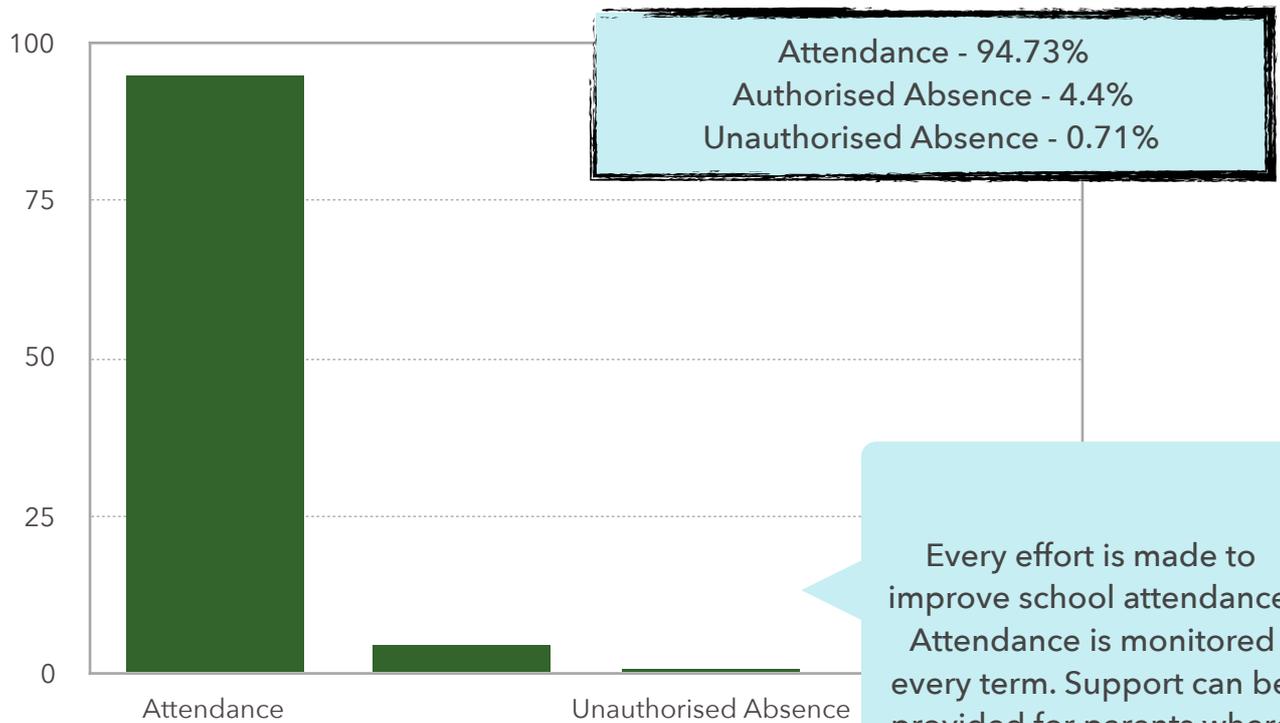
School Fund Account	
Balance 1/ 4/ 17	£11'310.95
Receipts for the year	£39'775.39
Expenditure	£40'915.78
Year End 31/ 3/ 18	£10'574.48



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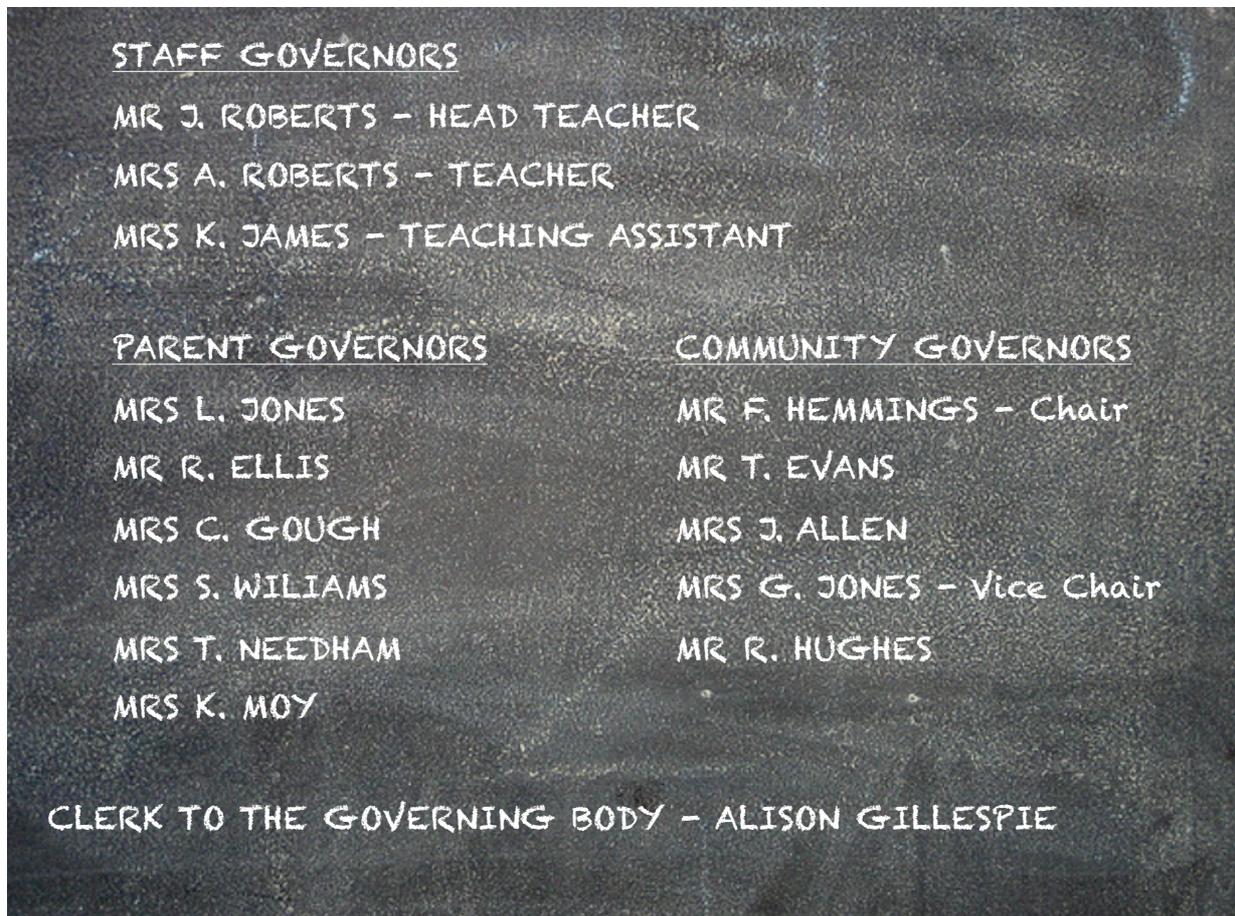


School Attendance 2017 - 18



Every effort is made to improve school attendance. Attendance is monitored every term. Support can be provided for parents where necessary.

MEMBERSHIP OF THE GOVERNING BODY 2017/ 18



STAFF CHANGES 2017/ 18

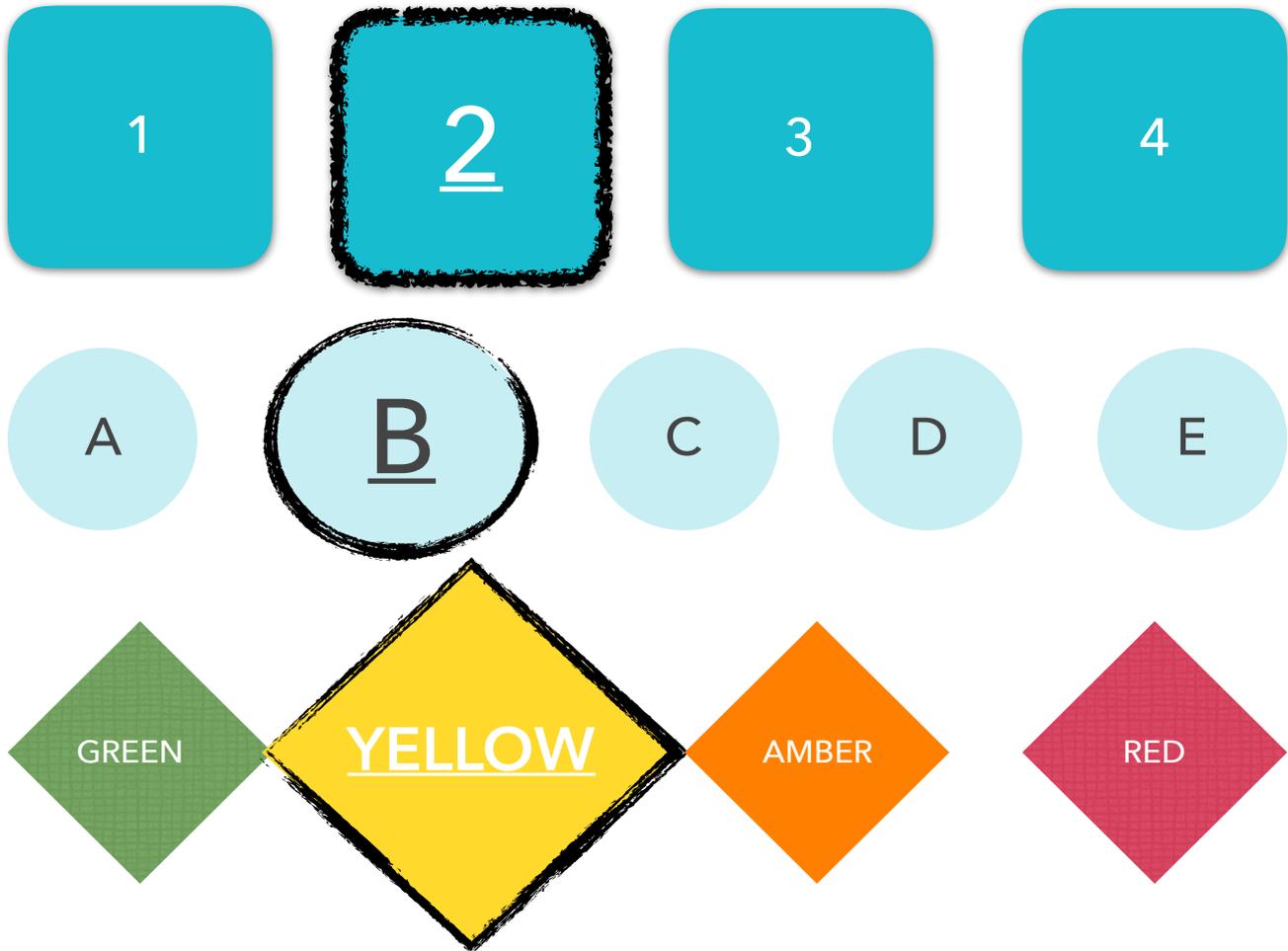
This year we have seen several changes to our staffing structure:

Mrs McCunnell has returned from maternity leave and is now teaching Juniper Class (Monday - Wednesday).

Mrs Owen resigned in December to take a position working within a family run business.

Mrs Smullen has continued working at Ysgol Y Waun and works in Oak Class (Monday - Wednesday) and Juniper Class (Thursday - Friday).

SCHOOL CATEGORISATION 2018



In 2017/ 18 we have maintained our good standards and remain within standards group 2.

Our support category has improved to a 'B' rating. This judgement indicates our capacity to improve further.

Our support category remains yellow which indicates that we will receive 10 visits from our Challenge Adviser across the school year.

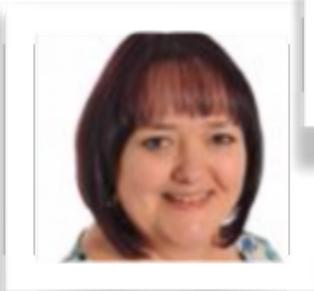
School Term Dates 2018/ 19

Term Dates 2018-19

Monday 3rd September 2018 - Training Day 1 for Staff
 Autumn 1st Half Term Begins Tuesday 4th September 2018
 Autumn 1st Half Term Ends Friday 26th October 2018
 Monday 5th November 2018 - Training Day 2 for Staff
 Autumn 2nd Half Term Begins Tuesday 6th November 2018
 Autumn 2nd Half Term Ends Friday 21st December 2018

Monday 7th January 2019 - Training Day 3 for Staff
 Spring 1st Half Term Begins Tuesday 8th January 2019
 Spring 1st Half Term Ends Friday 22nd February 2019
 Spring 2nd Half Term Begins Monday 4th March 2019
 Spring 2nd Half Term Ends Friday 12th April 2019

Monday 29th April - Training Day 4 for Staff
 Summer 1st Half Term Begins Tuesday 30th April 2019
 Summer 1st Half Term Ends Friday 24th May 2019
 Summer 2nd Half Term Begins Monday 3rd June 2019
 Summer 2nd Half Term Ends Friday 19th July 2019
 Monday 22nd July - Training Day 5 for Staff



REPORT ON SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS 2017/ 18

My name is Natalie Edwards and I am the school special educational needs coordinator.

I have supported Ysgol Y Waun in this capacity for 8 years.

In 2017/ 18 there are 76 pupils on our school special educational needs register.

The needs of pupils vary from school action (57 pupils) to school action plus (14 pupils) and statement of educational needs (5 pupils).

I work closely with many different supporting agencies including the behaviour support team, educational psychology service, primary steps and CAMHS.

As part of my role I ensure that the school SEN policy works effectively to support parents and pupils. I last updated the policy in February 2018.

I have also organised several training events for teachers and parents this year including ADHD Awareness sessions provided by Alan Roberts.

The effective support that we are able to provide for SEN pupils is a result of our careful allocation of school resources - ensuring that all of our pupils make good progress over time.

Should you have any concerns regarding your child's education then please contact school to make an appointment to meet with myself and/ or our SEN link governor, Mrs Glenys Jones.

Destination of School Leavers - 2018

Y6 pupils will travel to many different secondary schools this year.

Historically we have sent almost all of our pupils to Ysgol Dinas Bran.

In recent years we have noticed a changing trend where more parents are choosing to send their children to St Martins School in St Martins and other destinations including The Marches School in Oswestry. Over half of our pupils still travel to Dinas Bran in Llangollen, Denbighshire. Some pupils have also chosen to transfer to Ysgol Rhiwabon - our nearest Wrexham secondary school provider.

The transition process is very similar for all of the above schools and visit days are arranged as part of our agreed transition arrangements with each school.

DEVELOPING A SENSE OF COMMUNITY

School pupils have visited many local places of interest including:

Chirk Castle
Trevor Basin
Erddig
Bala Lake
Park Hall Farm
Chester Zoo
Rhyl Sea Life Centre

We have formed strong partnerships with local businesses including:

Freedom Leisure
Kronospan
COOP - Chirk
TESCO - Cefn Mawr
FOODBANK - Oswestry

As a school that values its place within the community we have worked hard this year to establish positive links with our local area!

We have been supported by many local charities including:

The Thomas Howell Trust
Chirk Charities
Chirk Masonic Lodge

Where possible we have use local service providers including:

Shannon Sales - Chirk
Baldock Blinds - Wrexham
Ringway Grounds
Maintenance
Tomlinsons Dairies - Minera

We also take groups of pupils out into the community:

Our school choir have performed at Chirk Court, Chirk Fun Day and the Christmas Lights switch on!
School council celebrated Commonwealth Day 2018!
Pupils have also represented school in swimming, tennis, football and cricket tournaments at many different venues

We are supported by many visiting speakers who have included:
PCSO Kim
Reverend Stella
The Canal & Waterways Trust

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