

The year past and the year ahead at Market Drayton Infant School

An overview from governors, Oct 2014



Creating the Market Drayton Learning Partnership

Thanks to everyone who responded to the consultation on our proposal to become a foundation school and create a co-operative learning trust with the other schools in town. Governors have carefully considered all the responses, the great majority of which supported the proposal, and have decided to go ahead. We will be completing the legal process with a view to forming the Market Drayton Learning Partnership on 1 December.

As a co-operative trust, the Learning Partnership will have a trust forum elected by members of the trust, which will include all parents, staff, students and others in our local community. Governors believe this is the best way to protect and enhance the good collaboration between our town schools which has been developing over the last few years -- and give us opportunities to raise attainment and the enjoyment of learning across our local community.

- The full report on the consultation is available on the school's new-look website.
- You can contact Chair of Governors John Hargreaves via the school office with any questions.

On the move, from Good to Outstanding

- When Ofsted visited us last October, they told us we needed to narrow the gap in attainment in writing between boys and girls. Using Talk for Writing, Big Write and other strategies, with great support from parents, boys' writing has made huge improvements and their attainment now compares very favourably with the national figure.
- Lessons in **all** our classes are now judged consistently good, and at least half of them are outstanding - across the school.
- Our School Improvement Adviser says our headteacher "provides a very strong, clear vision for the school, and her high expectations are shared by all staff, leaders and stakeholders... Evidence suggests that there is very good capacity for further improvement."



Building Better Learners

"Helping children achieve their full potential, now and for the future" is one of our school aims and during the year ahead children will be building their learning power in ways that will serve them well throughout their lives. Through this exciting programme of work they will:

- develop their learning behaviours in the ways they collaborate, persevere, question and revise
- improve their understanding of what makes them 'good learners'
- develop the vocabulary and knowledge to talk about what makes a good learner and how they can get better at it.



New Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Code of Practice

Thanks to all those who have helped the headteacher and her SENCOs in drawing up the school's comprehensive and clearly explained SEN Information Report (see website). The school will continue working closely with parents, and keeping you well informed, as we oversee the very significant changes involved in implementing the government's new code of practice.



School Governors

It's our job to make sure that everything is in place so that children can do their best learning. We agree our strategic direction. We monitor and evaluate the school's work, acting as a critical friend to the headteacher. And we are accountable for progress at the school.

When we become a foundation school and join other Market Drayton schools in forming the Market Drayton Learning Partnership, we will still have these same responsibilities for the Infant School and Nursery, though we will be strengthened by having two governors appointed by the Learning Partnership Trust.

Market Drayton Infant School - "An excellent, happy school where we enjoy learning"