

St Cuthbert's RC PS Standards and Quality Report 2018/2019

-Parent/Carer version.



Our achievements and improvements last year.

We would like to highlight the following improvements/achievements:

- ✓ A new Vision for our school ' Learning and Growing together through Love and Respect' and 5 key values of 'Kindness, Inclusion, Achievement, Well-being and Faith' were identified by staff, pupils, parents and partners. We also now have a school song!
- ✓ This has since led to a newly developed positive behaviour policy, which has been written by staff and pupils. Our key school rule is – 'Excellence in everything we write, make, say and do'.
- ✓ Attainment in reading has risen across the school. A group of children who were up to 3 years on average behind in their reading have now caught up. Some are now exceeding where they should be.
- ✓ Improved staff training on teaching reading.
- ✓ Teachers now have a set structure for their lessons where they share with children what they are learning, what they need to do to do well, and how they will be assessed.
- ✓ All children have their work marked in the same way - this makes it easier for children across the school to know what they have to do to improve.
- ✓ We have started work on having a play-based approach to learning in P1 with teaching of reading, writing and maths happening in small groups.
- ✓ Better use of the playground was made, using loose part play. This is helping younger children to be more creative and develop parts of their body strength. It has also been great for them learning to play as part of a team! 'Who is going to help me to roll this tyre?'
- ✓ We now have a parent council with lots of other parents coming to help at events – thank you!
- ✓ Teachers now have regular meetings with Mr Delaney to discuss where children are in their learning, how do we know? And what are the teachers going to do to help them move forward?
- ✓ A visitor from Education Scotland (the people who inspect schools) came in January and validated what Mr Delaney said needs to be improved. She came back in May and reported that there had been significant improvements in teaching and the ethos (the feeling of the school). This was a result of teachers working closely together, learning new approaches for teaching.
- ✓ Hazel (RelaxKidz) has helped us to work some of our children who find it hard to manage their over-whelming emotions. They are now getting better at doing this because of working with her. We used PEF money to pay for Hazel. Hazel will be back next year!
- ✓ We used PEF money to buy in a new reading scheme for P1-P4 and novels for P5-7 to ensure children are progressing in their reading.
- ✓ All teachers are now taking responsibility for making the school even better by leading aspects of our improvement work. Health-week and World of Work week where organised by teachers!
- ✓ Support staff are now all trained in working with children who need some help

because of dyslexia or other difficulties with reading.

Here is what we plan to improve next year.

- To improve children's attainment (levels) in Maths
- To improve attainment in writing, whilst making sure reading is getting better!
- To make sure all children can talk about skills they are learning, using and will need in the future when they are working or studying.
- To make sure children's physical and mental well-being is supported by staff at school and children who need help, get it.

Remember that my door is always open! I also aim to be in the playground most mornings along with my Principal Teachers, so you can catch us then.

We look forward to working with all of you this coming year in order to make St Cuthbert's even better still.

Best wishes

Mr.Delaney