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'I have come in order that you might have life – life in all its fullness.'  
John 10:10

### **Report for the Parish Council Meeting – Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2022**

As you would expect, since Neil Henery's last report in May 2021, our time in Cringleford CEVA Primary School has continued to be busy and, at times, difficult as we have worked hard to regain 'normality' in our provision while battling with peaks of covid cases in staff and children. Nonetheless, we remain a happy team who are keen to push on to enable the children to have a good year and get the best experiences.

Please find below a summary of highlights since September 2021.

**Pupil Numbers** – We currently have 449 children on role, across 15 classes, with almost every class at capacity (30 children) or in 4 classes, numbers up to 32. The current Year 2 cohort is the 'bulge year' which saw the school accept 3 classes when they began in Reception in September 2019. We have 60 new (Reception) children starting with us this September.

**Demographics** – The school currently records 30% of the children as those with English as an Additional Language (EAL). This is in line with the national average for the UK and a change from previous years where our number was around 20%. As such, we have engaged with a number of agencies in order to learn how we can best support these children, and their families, especially if they arrive with no English. We shall look to develop skills in staff and children as Young Interpreters, taking a lead in settling new children into our school. In June we shall hold a Schools of Sanctuary Day of Welcome, ahead of celebrating International Week.

**Staff** – We continue to be blessed with a full complement of great staff. We thankfully continue to attract high caliber candidates when roles are advertised, with appointments this year for class teachers, teaching assistants, a site manager and caretaker. Our specialist PE coach and music teachers strengthen the provision and offer really high quality teaching.

At the end of August 2021 Neil Henery passed the leadership of the school, through a number of superbly supportive handover meetings, over to me. He has continued to pop in to see us, join classes on trips and meet during training events in the Diocese.

School Improvement focus this year -

- **Phonics** – we have introduced a new phonics and decodable book scheme to the children Early Years, Year 1 and 2 with great impact and positive feedback from staff, children and parents.
- **Maths** – staff from 5 different year groups have undertaken training with the Maths Hub on maths mastery.
- **Curriculum** – along with the other schools in our cluster, we have focused on equipping staff in providing inspirational Science and RE learning and considered how we can meaningfully assess children's learning in these subjects.
- **Disadvantaged** – as already mentioned, we have begun to strengthen our approaches for children who have special educational needs, and those who deemed disadvantaged in any way.



- Vision and values – we have developed the use of our JONK (Joy of Not Knowing) values – Curiosity, Creativity, Collaboration, Resourceful, Resilient and Reflective, teaching the children what these skills and attitudes ‘look like’ and celebrating children who work hard in demonstrating them each Friday morning.

Community engagement - Through our links with Tim Yau, we have been able to open the school up again for the Cringleford Hub events, members of the church have been coming to school each week to run Kindness Club at lunchtimes and we have enjoyed watching Tim or Reverend’s Graham’s recorded assemblies each Wednesday.

Harvest was celebrated in school, with collections of food made for the Salvation Army as this tied in with those made by St Peter’s. Reverend Graham joined us for both Key Stage 1 and 2’s harvest.

At Christmas we collected sugar for Crisis at Christmas and participated in a Santa dash to raise money for St Andrew’s Hall so that vulnerable and lonely people could enjoy Christmas Dinner together. The children from Year 1 held their Nativity in the church which, as expected was very special. In December the children in Year 2 enjoyed a day of Christmas in a Box with Andy Jones from Raise Kids Work and in the week before Easter, Year 4 held an Easter in a Box day. Children who join Voice Squad each week have sung for the residents at Cavell Court on two occasions.

We have planted trees around the school environment with Richard Beese.

Throughout the year we have been able to invite parents into school for class assemblies. As you would expect, this has been welcomed by all following 18 months of restrictions. We held an open evening for parents this March where they were able to come into the classrooms (for some, this was the first occasion they had been in school) to look at books and displays with their children. There was a wonderful ‘buzz’ around school during the evening.

Enrichment – Though at times we have had to re-arrange the dates, we have been able to offer after school sports clubs, trips and events. All year groups have been able to venture off site to places which have linked with the learning, such as the coast, Eaton Vale, the Sainsbury’s Centre for Visual Arts, Banham Zoo, Strangers Hall, Gressenhall, the Dinosaur Park and the theatre. We have many more planned for the summer of 2022 including residential trips. Some year groups have enjoyed Roman and Stone Age days in school and others have had parents in to talk about their jobs. We have celebrated Science week, Book Day and various other charitable days.

Sports events have allowed children to join with other schools for Cross County (for which we have won the Norfolk School Sports Partnership shield for first place overall), football, netball, a dance festival and bounce (trampoline) event. Year 4 and 5 have had swimming lessons each week. Instrument lessons have continued and Year 4 have been learning how to play the trombone through music service provision. We have enjoyed several concerts from the musicians and they play for us in Collective Worship too.

I trust this gives a flavour of life in our school and I shall look forward to any questions you should have.

Mrs. J. Humphrey