



19th December 2018

Dear parents and carers,

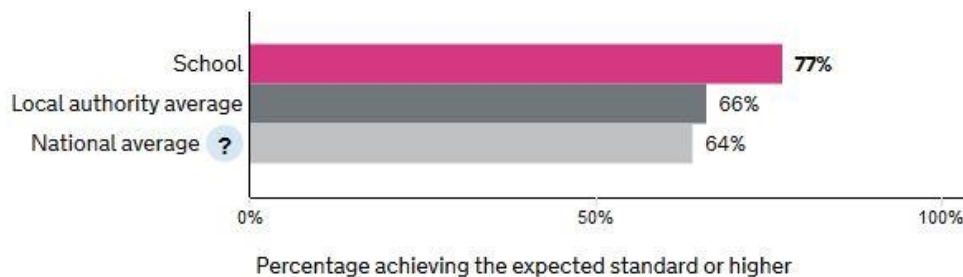
There's just a few days left until Christmas and I'm sure the excitement is building in your homes just as it is in ours. I really enjoyed attending the school Christmas Fayre at the beginning of December, it was lovely to see so many past and present Chew Stoke Church School children and their families as well as many members of our lovely staff. There were many many people pulling together to create a fantastic evening for everyone as well as raising much needed funds for our school, so thank you, all of you!

You may have seen in the news that school performance tables were published last week; our school came out really well, performing highly in all areas. As governors we analyse a lot of data about how the school and groups of children within the school are performing compared with other schools in our local authority and nationally. In 2018 the school performed particularly well and I've reproduced two of the graphs below:

Reading, writing and maths combined ?

Percentage of pupils achieving the expected standard or higher ?

Number of pupils = 22



This graph shows how year 6 children from Chew Stoke Church School performed in 2018 compared with other schools in Bath and North East Somerset and with all English schools.



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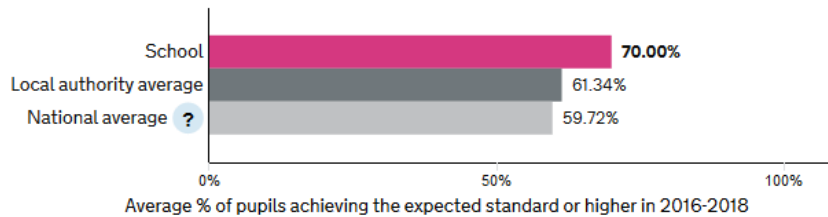


Percentage of pupils achieving expected standard in reading, writing and maths, 2016-2018 ?

Number of pupils in 2016 = 25

Number of pupils in 2017 = 23

Number of pupils in 2018 = 22



This graph shows the average performance of our year 6 pupils over the last three years. In both cases you can see that our children are out-performing schools in our local authority and nationally, by quite a wide margin. We are really proud of how well our children are doing academically and it's a great reflection of how hard they've worked and of course how effective our headteacher, all our teachers and support staff are.

Although we are often judged by the school's data, we do not focus exclusively on this aspect of the school's performance; at Chew Stoke Church School we are committed to encouraging all children to reach their potential in all areas, and developing their confidence and resilience. This is reflected in the wide range of sports and cultural activities that our children enthusiastically participate in. As governors we monitor all areas of our school development plan, which includes both academic performance and the development of the 'whole child'.

We have seen a few changes in our governing body recently, we are very happy to introduce three new governors, Susie McKay, Nick George and Rosie Walters, and we are sad to say goodbye to Emma Taylor and Debbie Wakeford. As three governors left us at the end of the last academic year, we still have two vacancies available and we are keen to fill them! One of the vacancies is for an elected parent and the second vacancy is for a person recommended by the board of governors and appointed by the Diocese. We had a parent election earlier this year but unfortunately we had no nominations this time. We are particularly looking for new governors with knowledge or skills in human resources but if you have a little spare time and a lot of enthusiasm you would be welcomed with open arms! I would be more than happy to meet with you if you would like to find out more about the role. There will be a parent election in the new year and all parents of current pupils are eligible to stand. Please do consider whether you could take on this important and interesting role.

Have a lovely Christmas, best wishes,

Jill Baker
Chair of Governors