Report for Atworth Parish Assembly 2016

Mr Simon Futcher, Headteacher.

Since my previous report in 2015, we have had a busy year at Churchfields with lots to celebrate!

We are continually grateful to our Parent Teacher Association (PTA) who offer their support to the school all year round! Last summer, we hired Charlton Manor for our summer fayre. It was the best one yet and incredibly well attended. More importantly it raised an amazing amount of money which all goes to supporting our pupils in ways not otherwise possible.

We are a community church school and it is very important for us to ensure we enrich our relationships with parents, the church and wider community at both Atworth and Monkton Farleigh. With this aim, we have involved the whole school community over the last year in revisiting our school's vision, aims and values. Recently parents were given the opportunity to come into school and accompany their children whilst they put the clay models they made of themselves onto our 'vision boat'. Our boats, which are in the front entrances of both bases, are always commented on positively by visitors to the school.

We are also delighted that our new Parent Council is up and running. All classes of both bases have the opportunity to be represented by this body whose remit is different to our PTA by focussing on working with the school to improve our provision further. Their first task is to work with us to help parents support their children's learning at home.

'Woodland Adventurers' has taken over the independent nursery provision at our Monkton Farleigh base. They have a strong philosophy of teaching using the outdoor environment. Churchfields recently worked with Woodland Adventurers to secure an impressive £10k funding from Bath Theatre Royal's Creative Grant for the building of an amphitheatre at the Monkton Farleigh base. You may have seen us on BBC Points West recently talking about this! We are also attempting to secure another funding stream for a similar provision at our Atworth base.

The safety of children both in school and out is a top priority for us at Churchfields. We have therefore been proactive in supporting the Atworth Road Action Group in their efforts to improve the village roads, including in the writing of a Travel Plan. I know the Parish Council have also supported ATAG in this important work.

Kind regards,

Simon Futcher.