**Blewbury CofE Endowed Primary School**

**Annual Report for Blewbury Parish Council**

**2023/24**

Blewbury School has had a busy and very successful last year, and what an exciting year it has been for the pupils, staff, and supporters of the school.

The school’s vision and core values of love, forgiveness, resilience, and courage have been important as the school moves forward. These values, along with a terrific team effort involving the staff, children, parents, governors, and the wider community mean that the school continues to develop with greater resilience, strength and with well-founded aspirations for the future. Blewbury School is on an upward trajectory and is an exciting place to be. As part of ODST (Oxfordshire Diocesan School Trust) we continue to receive support in all areas. Schools within the Trust are working together and so subject leaders, for example, are able to meet and share ideas and learn from each other.

The school year began with the headteacher Jo Reeder reducing her working days to four in order to help her to meet her family commitments. This allowed the school to make an exciting new appointment. Sam Coleman joined us in September as Assistant Headteacher and SENDCO. This appointment has resulted in a strengthened leadership team. Sam has had a positive impact in all sorts of areas including the provision for children with special educational needs and also on the development of the curriculum.

Along with our usual annual intake we continue to take in children from all over the world. They bring with them different experiences to share with us which continues to enhance the diversity of our School. We are a truly inclusive school.

**PTA**

The School has an active PTA which raises additional funds. They have organised and continue to organise a variety of events throughout the year which have been well supported by the local community. These additional funds help the school to buy extra resources to enhance the provision and experience for the children.

**Governors**

The governing body has three core functions:

To develop the vision and values of the school

To hold the leaders to account

To ensure that finances are spent properly and for the children of the school.

The Local Governing Board has had some changes this year as members have resigned due to ill health or work commitments. We welcomed Katie Dickens who brings a wealth of experience in education with her and Sarah Smith who was elected as a parent Governor. Details of all Board members can be seen on the school’s website representatives. We continue to look to recruit two more members with specific skills in finance or human resources. Anyone interested in becoming a Governor should speak to Ann Parham (Chair) in the first instance.

Focus this year has continued to be on

* Safeguarding
* Leadership
* Curriculum
* Attendance and Behaviour
* Improved teaching and learning through coaching and professional development

The school still has spaces in all year groups, so if you know of anyone who is moving into the area or who might be interested, please encourage them to book a visit by contacting the school Office. We would love for the school numbers to go up significantly in the coming year.

Ann Parham

Chair of Governors