

Henley School Report to Parish Council May 2018

There have been a number of quite major changes at the school in the last year.

In September we became a member of the Consortium Multi-Academy Trust. In terms of learning, there will be few changes for pupils. The biggest difference will be that the school will no longer be under Local Authority control, thus enabling the school to seek inspiration, direction and support from partner schools in the MAT and beyond.

We believe that this move has helped secure the future of the school within the local community as budgets become ever tighter and resources become even more scarce. The future for small schools is very uncertain for a range of reasons, mostly to do with government funding issues.

In December we bade farewell to our Headteacher of 17 years, Ms Ann Waters, who is thoroughly enjoying her retirement! Ms Waters led the school through some challenging times, and maintained her visionary and encouraging leadership. But we are in new waters (!) now, and look forward to all that it brings as we get used to our new status within the education system, and under our new leadership.

Pupils at school continue to learn in a creative, outward looking environment and outcomes continue to be very high. We are very proud of all that pupils learn at Henley School. They learn how to be well-mannered and considerate people, they learn about caring for their environment, they learn about the history of the community, and how to ask questions and seek answers. All of these things are not measured by the government or OFSTED but are fundamental to the skills needed to be a fully functioning citizen.

Our Breakfast Club and After School Club (Watoto) is growing in popularity, and offers parents first class and exciting wrap around care. Ms Sherman, our Watoto leader, is full of great ideas to keep the children happy and interested.

We continue to do well in sporting fixtures in a variety of sports. Through the government PE Grant, we are also able to offer a variety of sports experiences, and outdoor learning for all classes.

Henley Primary School continues to have the highest possible aspirations for its pupils, and seeks to foster and maintain good relationships with our community.