

## **Creeting St Mary CEVAP School Report from Jenny Hitt – Chair of Governors**

Creeting St Mary CEVAP is providing a primary education for the children of Creeting St Mary and the surrounding area that is built around Christian values where everyone is welcomed, respected and encouraged to use their God-given gifts.

We currently have 97 children enrolled at the school. Each year has an intake of up to 15 children and after the reception year the children are taught in classes with 2 year groups. Our Head teacher, Mrs Friar has now been in her role for 5 years and we have a strong team of experienced teachers with extremely low turnover.

This year has seen us slowly return to “normal” following COVID. Our school provided its children with education throughout the pandemic either in the school or with remote educational material. The staff worked tirelessly, to support our children, often whilst feeling anxious about their own health or concerned about their own family members, to provide the children with a safe environment in which to learn. This year they have focussed on supporting the children to catch up on work they have missed, supporting the children with their mental health and finding opportunities for the children to enjoy the wider educational experiences.

In October 2021 the school celebrated it’s 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. The day was marked with a Victorian themed day – the children and staff dressed in Victorian costumes and had a taste of a Victorian style education.

In February 2022 we were inspected by Ofsted who rated us as Good. The inspectors found our children to be polite and articulate and off the record stated that they thought they were delightful. Please visit the School website for the full Ofsted findings. We were pleased to see all the hard work and commitment put in by our headteacher and staff reflected in the Ofsted findings. The team works extremely hard to ensure that every child at Creeting St Mary achieves their potential.

With thanks to a generous donation from local company – Cranes - we have installed a pavilion on the school field. This has provided the children with a fabulous outside working space and a great place to play at break time.

The children and their families have supported the Stowmarket food bank throughout the year with generous donations at Harvest, Christmas and Easter.

The school community delighted to be able to attend services in the church again and to welcome family and friends back into the school grounds for functions like the Summer Fayre on 18<sup>th</sup> June.

We welcome offers of support and help from the wider community in Creeting St Mary, please contact Christine Friar if you feel you would like to contribute.