**Charlwood Village Primary School**

We are coming towards the end of another busy year at Charlwood Village Primary School. Our pupils continue to enjoy a curriculum to develop them into Confident, Valued, Prepared and Successful young people before they move on to Secondary School.

We have a number of changes in our Governing Body coming up and owe a huge thank you to Cathy Barclay, who left earlier this year. We say a sad farewell to Lady Johanna Farrer, Nick Mann and Georgina Catanach. Each and every one has brought so much to our school leadership team, we will miss them very much. We are very fortunate however to be welcoming new Governors to continue to guide the school forward.

We also have a change of teaching staff too. Mrs Ashcroft and Mr Warren will be leaving us at the end of this academic year. They have been instrumental in making the school what it is today and they will be greatly missed by our school community. We have however, managed to recruit two excellent teachers and we are very much looking forward to them joining our team.

This academic year we were very kindly invited to attend Tea and Chat at the Parish Hall. 10 pupils from Red Kite Class were chosen by their teacher, Mr Paul. They were chosen for the effort that they put into lessons and their behaviour. We first attended at Christmas time and were then invited back again at Easter. Our pupils sung a couple of songs and at Easter also brought Easter cards, which they had made, to enjoy on the tables. The pupils thoroughly enjoyed attending, being able to chat to those that attended, as well as the lovely food!

As usual we have ended our autumn term and spring term at St Nicholas Church. We ended the autumn term with our Carol Service and the spring term with our Easter Performance. A big thank you to Peter Anderson who has led part of the service for us.

A huge thank you also to the JBTMT, not only for enabling us to pay for the rent for our use at Providence Chapel, which is an invaluable space for pupil activities, such as during the pupil’s exam week, but also for parent meetings as space is so limited at the school. The JBTMT have very kindly funded laptops for us, but this year, have also funded 3 interactive whiteboards. These are an essential tool for the classroom, but come at a huge cost. As seen in the media, schools are underfunded for the real costs that they have. Without the support of the JBTMT, and our own PTA, the school would struggle to keep providing the best it can for the school community.

Finally, a big thank you to the Charlwood Village Parish Council for enabling us to continue to use the rec for our PE lessons. We are looking forward to holding our Sports Day up there in June.

Ms Vicky Lanham

Headteacher