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### **2018/19 Report for Pulham Market Annual Parish meeting**

This has been a year of challenges for Pulham Market C of E Primary School and I believe our Head Teacher Mrs Goddard, our staff and Governors have showed continued determination and commitment throughout. We are proud that we nurture every aspect of children's learning, wellbeing and development. Our key stage 2 results from last summer were not as strong as we would have liked but any school is made up of much more than one set of results. We are aware of the main reasons for this and action has been taken with support from the local education team to improve educational standards where ever potential issues are identified.

Our year 6 pupils have recently come home from a residential trip to Derbyshire where they have braved all weather to participate in canoeing, night time abseiling, weaseling, caving and hiking up to Kinder Scout. With all of the constant pressure on teachers and pupils to achieve and attain at a higher level, this was a much needed distraction and we are so lucky that our teachers take five days away from their own families to let the children take part in an adventure they will always remember.

As the chief medical officer guidelines are that primary school children undertake at least 30 minutes of physical activity a day in school, we try to provide this in many different forms which has including joining other local schools for tag rugby competitions, cross country and swimming galas as well as regular PE lessons which have included tennis, gymnastics, swimming, Pilates and 'Jump Start Jonny' fitness workout video sessions which are very energetic! During the year we have had many after school clubs on offer including football, archery, gymnastics, multi skills, cricket and dodgeball. The older pupils have also recently completed cycle proficiency and road awareness training. The children love being outdoors and we continue to offer Forest Schools throughout the year. Our resident chickens continue to produce eggs that the pupils enjoy collecting and taking home.

Friends of Pulham Primary (FOPPS) have supported the school by raising funds during the year to purchase two outside table tennis tables and additional resources as requested by each class. The summer Nurture day in July and Christmas Fayre were advertised and attended by members of the community as well as families of pupils. The last event held was a school disco for the pupils which is always very popular! The volunteers of FOPPS give a lot of time and effort of which we are all very grateful.

The church has continued to be central to our children's experience of school with collective worship and Open The Book assemblies. The whole school recently walked to Pulham St Mary Church for its Easter Service. The regular services at Pulham Market church for end of school year, Harvest festival, Remembrance service and Christmas carol concerts are always very well attended by parents, governors and members of the community. The pupils have also enjoyed taking part in local community events this year including National Music Day, Pulham Carnival, Pulham Christmas light switch on and the Big Sing held at the Norfolk Show ground.

As the weather warms up we are planning our whole school outings to The Royal Norfolk Show in June and beach trip to Southwold in July. Last year the beach trip for some pupils was a new experience. We took buckets and spades and cornered off an area where the sea had made a small reservoir and the pupils took great delight in splashing each other and collecting pebbles and making sand castles. Hopefully we will have another lovely day this year.

We look ahead to the next year aware that we have many more challenges, our budget being stretched is always in the forefront of our minds. We remain vigilant of the changing structures for education and the future of small schools. However, we feel privileged to have the ongoing support of dedicated and talented school staff as we continue to assess the situation and to look ahead and plan with the development, growth and achievements of the children central to all that we do.

The Governing Board has seen many changes recently. We have unfortunately had to say goodbye to Nick Buxton, Ann Ford, Dan Cornish and Mandy Reeve. However, we welcome Vicki Read, Alan Thorp and Ann Barth who have joined us. We have recently held parent elections and will be welcoming more new faces soon, as well as looking forward to meeting Reverend Sarah who will also be joining us. We do still have a space for a community / local authority governor and would be pleased to hear from anyone that may be interested in joining us.

By Donna Eaton – On behalf of the Board of Governors