Governors' Annual Report for Lower Peover APCM 2022/23

It has been wonderful during 2022/23 to have had a full academic year in School where all activities have returned to 'normal', children have been able to socialise with their friends and academic excellence has ensued.

Lower Peover is very privileged to have such a dedicated team of staff who work tirelessly for the benefit of the school and the children in their care.

There are currently 203 children on roll.

On the staffing front the school said goodbye to Mr Adam Young at the end of the 2021/22 academic year. They would like to take this opportunity to thank him for all he has contributed to the life of the school, during his time at Lower Peover, and wish him well as he embarks on the next stage of his teaching career as Deputy Head at The Oaks Academy in Winsford.

Mrs Susan Tutt also decided to pursue a career in the private sector and left at the end of the Summer Term to be replaced in the office by Mrs Michaela Leach, who job shares with Mrs Caroline Anderson.

In September 2022 the School welcomed Mr Alex Goodwin, a very experienced teacher, to replace Mr Young and the Governors were pleased to be able to offer Mrs McAree a permanent contract. Sadly, due to personal circumstances, she left at Christmas to be replaced by Mrs Caroline Slater who is already proving to be a great asset to the school.

Mrs Charlie Leach's last day in School, for the time being, was on 31st March, as she has now commenced her maternity leave as her baby is due on 3rd May. We wish her all the best as she starts a new phase in her life and look forward to seeing her back in School later. Her post will be covered by Miss Rebecca McInnes, who is currently employed as a Higher-Level Teaching Assistant, but is in fact a qualified teacher, so this position will enable her to complete the first year of her Early Careers Training.

Mrs Jess Doyle, a Higher-Level Teaching Assistant, left in December to take up a post at Hartford Manor Primary School in the Nursery to be nearer to her home location. The Governors would like to thank her for all she contributed to the school during her time at Lower Peover and wish her well in her new role. She has been replaced by Miss Hannah Jones.

As Mrs Debbie Rutter's Term of Office as a Parent Governor ended in October, and with her children no longer attending Lower Peover Primary School, she decided to apply for the position of Local Authority Governor and was duly elected to this role. This prompted an election for a new Parent Governor and the Governing Board were pleased to announce that Mrs Hannah Burgoyne was the successful candidate.

Once again July saw the return of the Year 6 performance at Plumley Village Hall. The children wrote the musical score, song lyrics, dialogue and choreographed it all themselves under the guiding hand of Mr Stannard, the music teacher. It was an amazing performance and demonstrated what a wealth of talent there is amongst the pupils of this School.

Parents were able to attend Sports Day too and the sun shone as all the participants demonstrated their individual sporting prowess and did their best to make their team proud.

Residentials have taken place for Year 6, Year 4 and Year 2 and Year 3 recently visited the South Manchester Mosque and Year 5 the Deva Experience.

Fund raising has taken place for Children in Need, Comic Relief, Dare to be Different, Pyjama's for Children in hospital at Christmas and a cancer charity.

On behalf of the Governing Board I would like to end my report by expressing the Governors' thanks to Mrs Dean, and all the staff at Lower Peover C.E. Primary School, for their continued dedication and hard work.

Louise Lawton

Chair of Governors

April 2023