

2022/23

Annual Report to Parents 2022/23



Crickhowell Community
Primary School



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Welcome from the Chair of Governors

I am pleased to introduce the annual report to parents for Crickhowell Community Primary School. Having been re-elected this year, as chair of the governing body, I'm honoured to continue the work of the staff and the governors in helping our school to thrive and grow to a successful and challenging future.

Following the successful appointment of the Head teacher, Mr Rob Francis and the successful integration of pupils from Llanbedr C in W School and some of their staff, the school has gone from strength to strength and shows an ambitious programme for future development.

We recognise how important school is to this community and how much it is valued by all who live here. As a governor at Crickhowell primary school for many years I want to continue to build on the very firm foundations that everyone has worked so hard to achieve.

The strong leadership team at CCPS will continue to adapt and work flexibly to ensure the school takes care of its pupils, parents and carers. Our published vision is the desire to ensure that every pupil has every chance and is given the best opportunity to succeed in their academic, social and sporting goals.

I would finally like to record my thanks to all of the staff, the parents governors, and all those who volunteer their time to support the school and make it the success that it is.

Alun Tandy (Chair of Governors)

Welcome from the Headteacher

The last academic year (2022/23) was a really successful year. It is such a relief not to have to add anything about Covid disruption! The school calendar returned to normal with so many exciting events being organized. Residential trips, Year 6 leavers assembly and party, Sports Day, authors as well as many other visitors coming in to school to enhance our curriculum. A colour run, movie night, summer fair and much more. I'm looking forward to another productive year.

The staff and I at the school continue to be proud of all the children's achievements. These achievements would not be possible without the commitment of all our staff, parents, Governors and wider community and so I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone in the school community that help to make Crickhowell CP School a great place to work and learn!

Rob Francis (Head teacher)

September 2023

Organisation 2022-23

Last year the school had mostly single group classes across school apart from in Year 5 where there were two classes per year group. These were the classes and teachers in place for the academic year 2022/23.

Reception-Miss G Joyce

Year 1- Mrs L McPherson

Year 2- Mrs K Davies

Year 3- Miss A Weaver

Year 4- Miss E Picton-Evans

Year 5- Mrs H Davies-Lynott

Miss L Fielding

Year 6- Mr S Oram

Our Teaching Assistants - Mrs Dykes, Miss J Viveash, Miss Witherstone, Mrs Davies, Miss Alderman, Mrs Young and Miss G Viveash continue to provide consistent, high-quality support to our teachers. They all help to support children in class. This can be in a group situation or working with individual children.



The Governing Body is made up of the following for the academic Year 2022-23:

Mr Alun Tandy- Chair

David Hepburn- Vice Chair

Anne Jeremiah- Community Governor

James Sercombe- Community Governor

David Barber-Parent Governor

John Morris-Community Governor

Laura Alderman-Staff representative

Emma Picton Evans-Staff representative

Sarah Evans-Community Governor

Hugh Evans-John-Parent Governor

Nicky Webb-Parent Governor

Prof. Anne Rowe-Community Governor

Prof. Sue Ward-Community Governor

Jade Land-Clerk to the Governors

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School Development Plan 2023/24

The school development plan targets are set based on Inspection, School self evaluation, performance management and Local and National priorities

The school development plan is reviewed in Governor meetings every half term.

This year, we have chosen the following areas to work on.

- Develop Teacher feedback and target setting to inform pupil learning
- Further develop a structured approach to planning for Curriculum for Wales.
- Develop a structured approach for the tracking of progression for the Curriculum for Wales across the School.



Some of our trips and events 2022/23

In the Autumn, our school council, Eco committee and Criw Cymraeg pupils were elected. A successful Harvest Festival performance took place at St Edmund's Church and we collected food items for Brecon Food Bank. We raised money for Children in Need and held a Macmillan coffee afternoon in the school hall. We celebrated 'Diwrnod Shwmae' to promote the Welsh language and worked with 'Keep Wales Tidy' to develop our school grounds and food growing provision. The children participated in Christmas plays which were all well attended. The Christmas hampers were raffled off, school Christmas lunches and parties, all took place.

In the Spring we celebrated World Book Day and St David's Day, KS2 children took part in rugby sessions. The Eco committee visited the 'One planet Centre' in Abergavenny. Brecon Beacons National Park worked Year 3 and 4 on the water cycle. We hosted a cluster cross country event for the other schools in the area. A valentine disco took place as a 'Friends & Family' fundraiser. The Band for the Prince of Wales came to perform for the whole school.

In the summer term, Year 5 visited JCA Shrewsbury and 6 visited Stackpole outdoor pursuits centre. Year 4 visited Govilon outdoor pursuits centre. Years 5 and 6 went to Birmingham for the Young Voices Event. We held a successful Sports day. A transition day for Year 6 pupils was arranged to the High School and cycle proficiency was provided by Powys Local Authority.

The Year 5 enjoying their JCA Shrewsbury Residential.



Some of our children enjoying some outdoor learning and overcoming fears on the high ropes



Budget 2023/24

	23/24	24/25	25/26
Estimate Pupil Numbers	197	223	200
Actual Pupil Numbers	197		
Delegated Budget	813,823	910,241	837,348
ALN Funding	21,637	21,051	21,051
Additional ALN Funding	-	-	-
Total Delegated Funds	889,324	1,004,042	972,566
EXPENDITURE AREA			
SALARIES & WAGES			
Teachers	619,823	668,173	645,128
Supply Insurance	11,689	13,000	13,000
Teaching Assistants	151,084	155,338	134,824
Clerical	27,438	29,525	31,102
Mid-Day Supervisors	11,882	11,474	12,972
Breakfast Club Staff	3,180	3,339	3,473
Employee Expenses	2,500	2,500	2,500
PREMISES	159,036	135,994	139,383
SUPPLIES, OFFICE & OTHER EXPENSES	73,495	60,447	59,933
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	897,833	948,635	948,607
NET EXPENDITURE	1,031,874	1,026,219	995,166
Under / (over) spend C/F	51,225	29,078	6,478

Term Dates 2023/24

Autumn term:

- Monday 4 September 2023 to Friday 27 October 2023
- **Half Term - Monday 30 October 2023 to Friday 3 November 2023**
- Monday 6 November 2023 to Thursday 21 December 2023

Spring term:

- Tuesday 9 January 2024 to Friday 9 February 2024
- **Half Term - Monday 12 February 2024 to Friday 16 February 2024**
- Monday 19 February 2024 to Friday 22 March 2024

Summer term:

- Monday 8 April 2024 to Friday 24 May 2024
- **Half Term - Monday 27 May 2024 to Friday 31 May 2024**
- Monday 3 June 2024 to Friday 19 July 2024

Non-pupil days:

- Friday 1 September 2023
- Friday 22 December 2023
- Monday 8 January 2024
- There will be three further non-pupil days, two in the autumn term and one in the summer term. Please check your school website for these details
- [Cluster Inset Days 2023-24 \(PDF\) \[139KB\]](#)

Useful dates:

- **Good Friday** - Friday 29 March 2024
- **Easter Monday** - Monday 1 April 2024
- **May Day Bank Holiday** - Monday 6 May 2024
- **Spring Bank Holiday** - Monday 27 May 2024
- **Royal Welsh Show** - Monday 22 July - Thursday 25 July 2024

Other Matters

Breakfast and After School Clubs

Breakfast club continues to be popular and financially viable. Our thanks go to the Breakfast Club staff who run it so well. It is very popular and is used regularly by parents. Our After School Club is also well supported and so has been able to continue for yet another year.

Additional learning Needs (ALN) & More able and talented (MAT)

Arrangements for those pupils with additional learning needs have been monitored both within the school and by external advisors. Support mechanisms have been put in place in order to best fit each child's individual needs. Intervention programmes have included strategies such as; speech therapy, Nessy literacy, precision teaching and basic skills work. External support has included hearing/visual impairment support and speech therapy sessions. Miss Alison Weaver has held the role of ALNCo since the 1st September 2021. She has worked closely with the teaching and teaching assistant staff to continue to roll out and embed the new ALN reform.

The term 'more able and talented' is used in Wales to refer to pupils who are more able across the curriculum and those who show particular ability or aptitude in one or more specific areas, such as music, maths or sport. It refers to about 20% of pupils who require enriched and extended opportunities across the curriculum to develop their abilities in one or more areas. Mr Simon Oram our MAT coordinator is responsible for identifying these pupils and works along side our teaching staff to ensure opportunities for our MAT learners to be challenged and supported in their learning.

Attendance

Our current attendance figure is 96%.

Schools across Wales are continuing to work closely with the Education Welfare Officers (EWO's) to track and support those families where attendance is below satisfactory. The school and EWO aim to work in a supportive role but now have the power to process fines and refer to prosecution where attendance levels do not improve despite intervention. The school monitors attendance and punctuality on a regular basis. Absence from school is a contributing factor in low pupil achievement, so Welsh Government continues to target attendance. Parents are encouraged to take holidays when school is closed or these days may be recorded as unauthorised absences. Where

attendance falls below an acceptable level, the school works in collaboration with the Education Wellbeing officers and warnings may be issued where deemed

Safeguarding

Mr Francis is the designated Child Protection/ Safeguarding officer and Mr Tandy is the designated Governor. They ensure that training for all staff and governors is regularly undertaken. The Child Protection Policy is updated annually and is the point of reference for all matters relating to protecting your children. A copy is available in school.

Health and Safety/Premises

Governors are kept fully informed about Health and Safety issues within the school, it's grounds and the general repair work that takes place. In the last year, some of the work carried out has been all guttering cleared, new carpets and decorating in 3 classrooms, a greenhouse built, brick paving has been pressure washed, some new signage, new doors on the canteen bin store and a new perimeter fence.

Transition-Year 6 pupils

At the end of the summer term 2023, our Year 6 children left us to start their secondary schooling at the following schools:

Crickhowell High School	Brecon High School	King Henry VIII	Christ College	Total
32	0	0	0	32



School Prospectus

The prospectus is updated annually to reflect what we do at Crickhowell CP School. A copy of the prospectus is available on the school website.

www.crickhowellcpschool.co.uk



Some more examples of our lovely learning experiences

A visit to the pumpkin patch for Reception, year 1 & 2



Cycling proficiency for Year 6 children and the Abergavenny Food Festival-March for Africa



A sticky science investigation for Year 3!



Making a marble run as part of a topic on forces and motion



Year 2 'Kerbcraft' road safety session-choosing safe places and routes to cross the road.



Caramel the pony visited our school during Eco week and the children learnt all about animal husbandry

