



'The love of God shines through us by the work of our hands.'

## Norley Newsletter July 2018

We have had another fantastic year here at Norley CE Primary School. The icing on the cake was our Ofsted inspection in June. We received the best outcome possible from the short, one day, inspection. The inspector recommended that our next inspection is a 2 day inspection where our overall grade could be changed from 'Good' to 'Outstanding'. You can read our full report on our website [www.norleyce.cheshire.sch.uk](http://www.norleyce.cheshire.sch.uk). This year we have also been recognised as being in the top 1% of schools in the country for our achievements in reading and received a letter from Rt Hon Nick Gibb MP, Minister of State for School Standards.

Our year has consisted of inviting a local artist into school to work with each class. We wanted to promote relaxation and well-being as well as achievement. This was successful as each child was able to produce a fantastic piece of artwork and everyone was proud of what they produced. We will continue to work with Ian Fennelly again next year as he had such a positive impact on the children. Along with him we have worked with a local author and poet. He shared his book and supported us in writing poetry. We then organised, hosted and took part in the first Cheshire Poetry Festival. More recently we took part in the Frodsham Literature Festival where lots of our children were very successful and won the top prizes in their age group. In addition to these competitions we take part in as many sports competitions as we can and again we are successful. Our most recent success was our girls cricket team, they are through to represent our cluster in Warrington later this month. Follow us on twitter to keep track of our activities @NorleyCofE .

A major feature of our school is all the learning outside the classroom we provide. This means we teach as many lessons as we can outside the classroom. Not all children can sit behind a desk to learn and let's face it, it is fun moving around outside. Children learn more from memorable experiences. Our outdoor learning lessons include lighting fires, building dens, orienteering and problem solving. Our children have produced some high quality written work following these lessons. Skills they have learnt in the classroom are applied to activities outside.

Trips and visitors provide the children with a variety of real life experiences and enhance learning. Some of our visits this year have included a visit to Jaguar Landrover to see how robots are used in industry, a visit to the theatre in London to see Matilda, The Big Bang

Science Fair, Peckforton Castle and a whole school trip to the Cheshire Show. Along with the residential visits in key stage 2.

Our PTFA (Parents, Teachers and Friends Association) are amazing at raising money for our school whilst providing events for children, parents and families. A highlight of the school year is the annual Camping Night. We have great fun and a lot of money is raised to spend on the children. Our parents are very involved in school life and provide Chinese lessons, swimming lessons, football clubs, time to hear readers (along with a reading therapy dog), pilates and they are always on hand to help when needed. In fact, we like to involve the whole family and have mum's lunch dates, dad's reading and games afternoon and grandparent's day.

What do we have to look forward to next year.....? We have a new outdoor classroom base being installed in our beautiful grounds. This means we can teach small groups of children, making our class sizes smaller. We want to develop our writing skills and will be using drama to enhance our written work. The School Council have been discussing a new school reward system and we will be working on understanding our British Values. The teachers are looking forward to teaching new year groups and I know the children are all pleased with who their new teachers will be. Hopefully we will be welcoming Ofsted back to have a more indepth look at our fantastic school!!

Thank you for all your support, we really do make a great team and due to this our children thrive.

