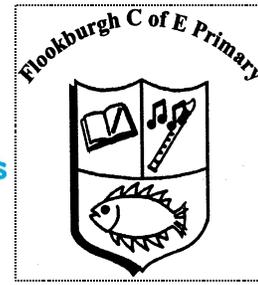


# Flookburgh C of E Primary School

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## Lower Holker Parish Council Annual Parish Meeting

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May

### Flookburgh Church of England Primary School

- A new Headteacher, Mrs Gill Pett, was appointed at the end of September 2015 and made substantive from January, 2016
- A church school inspection was carried out in June 2015; the school achieved a 'satisfactory' grade overall and was acknowledged as rapidly improving. The Inspector reported:  
***'The strong leadership of the acting headteacher, supported by a committed staff team, is driving forward improvement of the school as a church school.'***  
***'... the improvement of the school as a church school has been rapid. The response made to the focus for development from the last SIAS report has made a sound contribution to school improvement.'***
- We had a whole school and community day devoted to the creation of Reflective Prayer Spaces in school. We invited the Bishop of Penrith to dedicate our Outdoor Reflective Space by planting a 'Strawberry Tree' kindly donated by Hayes Garden World.
- Our local history inspired art work went on display as the new mural at Cark Station, organised by Mr Jim Trottman, Community Rail Partnership Officer in consultation with Mr Tim Owen.
- In October, we held a 'Celebration' for the life of our dear friend and colleague, Mrs Jackie Johnson, who sadly passed away over the Summer. The event was very well attended by both family, friends, pupils and colleagues, past and present.
- The school has continued to develop and enhance the strong links with Cartmel Priory School and local Cluster Schools, particularly with increased participation in Sporting Competitions as well as through P.E. mentoring for our staff
- Children from Year 1 to Year 6 visited the Westmoreland County Show as a 'hook' to start our whole school topic focus of, 'World Kitchen' which culminated in a 'Christmas Around the World' Fair held in school at the end of the Autumn term.

- The school has continued to take part in national charity events such as Children in Need, Movember (our male teachers grew moustaches, designed by the children, in support of research into Testicular Cancer), MacMillan Coffee Morning was held in September. We also held a very successful World Book Day
- We have taken part in the national. 'Big Pedal' a National Pedalling and Scooting to School Initiative. We have come 64<sup>th</sup> overall nationally – a fantastic achievement.
- The whole school community took part in Defibrillator Training kindly organised by our local First Responders as we now have a community defibrillator outside of the main entrance to school.
- Our children took part in the first BBC Ten Pieces musical ensemble at the Brewery Arts Centre – 3 of our children came third in 'make a musical instrument' competition run on the night
- As part of our on-going Global Learning Project with Ghana we had a visitor from Ghana, a Headteacher of our link school, who spent the day with us to learn about how we teach the core subjects, differentiate for the needs of all learners and how our teachers are trained through continued professional development.
- We had a very successful and well-attended Christmas Production where Flookburgh Band were invited to play and perform carols with the children and audience
- We were invited by the Trefoil Guild to take part in their Carol Service at St John the Baptist Church which was a real pleasure; the children and staff thoroughly enjoyed the occasion
- We also sang carols at Bridge House, with whom we are making even stronger links as part of our drive to involve all of the community in the life of the school and to continue to build upon the sense of 'community' and its importance to us at all in Flookburgh
- Y5/6 Lego Robotics through BAE Systems. Our Y5/6 children take part in an on-going project, run by BAE Systems, to introduce robotics to primary age children through the medium of lego using 'legomindstorm'. The hope is to inspire the children and to enthuse them about the possibilities of robotics for all of us
- Jester for Jesus Ministries take Collective Worship once every month – the children really enjoy the energy of these assemblies and thoroughly enjoy them.
- We held a very successful Science Day organised by our very own, Dr Piers Napper. Following a successful bid to the British Science Foundation the school received £700 to spend on science equipment which would enhance the children's learning and enjoyment of science in the curriculum and raise the profile of science generally
- A number of our children took part in this year's 'Spelling Bee' competing against many other local schools. We did very well and came a very respectful joint 4<sup>th</sup> with only 4/5 points separating the top 4.
- We welcomed our new vicar, Raqchel Stavert at her licensing at St. John the Baptist church – a super evening for us all.
- We held a 'Community Day' in school during the Spring Term as part of our work on compassion within the community. We were visited by a number of organisations who talked to the children about the importance of their work and also involved the children in a

number of activities throughout the day. Amongst the organisations involved were: First Responders; Police Dogs; Fire Service; Barrow Homeless Centre; Bridge House; Local Vets; Guides and Brownies; Mountain Rescue

- We are currently collating the final monies that we have raised for the Cumbria Flood Appeal as part of our Spring Term theme linked to the Christian Value of 'Compassion'. We have raised £727 from our sponsored walk. We will be presenting the cheque to the organisers of the Cumbria Flood Appeal very shortly.
- Lord Cavendish will be visiting the school on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May; we are all very excited and looking forward to showing him our school and all of our achievements over the last year.
- We currently have the following vacancies on our Governing Body for:
  1. Co-opted Governor
  2. Clerk to Governors

This has, again, been a very busy and exciting year in the life of Flookburgh School and we are all very proud of the achievements of our children and the community as a whole.

We are all looking forward to the next chapter in the school's life and to continue to work hard to move the school forwards; to ensure that it will always provide the best educational opportunities for our children and families.

We very much see ourselves as at the heart of the community we serve and will continue to develop and strengthen our relationships over the coming years.

Gill Pett, Headteacher, on behalf of all those involved with Flookburgh CE Primary School.