



# St Bartholomew's CE Primary School

## How are we developing our school?

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Dear Children of St. Bartholomew's CE Primary School,

I am writing to you to share with you what the school is working on this academic year (September 2016 until July 2017). Every year the school has to write what is called a 'School Development Plan' (SDP). This is a large document (27 pages this year!) and is used to help all the adults help make the school a better place to learn for you. Obviously, I can't give you a copy of the plan as  $27 \text{ pages} \times 98 \text{ children} = 2646 \text{ pages of copying!}$  Besides, it has some boring words!

However, all the adults believe that it is important that you know what is in the SDP so I have summarised it below. There are three main areas that we are working on:

### **1. To help you learn better and to teach you as well as we can.**

This includes:

- To make sure that your presentation in your work is amazing. It needs to be the best you can because then it shows that you are trying your best and want to succeed.
- To make sure your classrooms are bright and cheerful and have displays that help you learn and show your work.
- To make each subject as interesting for you as possible so that you learn as much as possible. You need to make sure that you help as well by listening and trying your best at all times.

### **2. To use computers more to help you learn new computer skills and use across all of your learning.**

We will do this by:

- Training all adults to help them use computers better (including me!).
- Plan computing as a separate subject so you develop more skills and can use when you are out in the wider world (with your parents/carers permission).
- To help you become more independent using computers.
- Appoint child computer leaders.
- Spend some money to buy more lap tops for you to use!

### **3. To make the school environment even better and to make sure that it reflects our church school and our core values.**

We will do this by:

- Making sure the core values can be seen easily.

- Talking to you about them and what they mean.
- Linking the core values with the Bible.
- Using words that are used in church and the Bible.
- Making a new area for Early Years children.
- Make a night-line activity course outside (night line is where you are blindfolded and have to follow a line of string to go over and under obstacles).
- To improve the pond area, turning it into a Scientific discovery zone.

I hope that you agree there is a lot to work on to make our school even better than it is already (and it is already great!). With your help we can achieve all of these aims.

Thank you and best wishes

Mr Shawley

A very proud Head Teacher

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