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Report for Academic Year – September 2016 - July 2017

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Dear Parents,

I am pleased once again to present the Annual Report. I hope you find the contents interesting and informative. If there are any areas you would like to know more about, please don't hesitate to contact us.

The past academic year has, as always, been busy and productive, but I will try to give you a brief summary.

Continual assessment and provision of best teaching practice tailored to each individual child is well embedded at Deri View (DV) and the academic targets for 2017-18 and outcomes for 2016-2017 reflect this. There is a continuing drive in maths, literacy and IT. The school's categorisation for 2016-2017 was Excellent.

Although we do operate an 'open' door policy at DV, many parents and carers have taken the opportunity to visit their children in their classrooms during our Open Morning sessions. It's a chance to meet teachers and Governors whilst having a cup of tea. Comments in our visitor's book evidence the appreciation of these visits.

It is disappointing to report yet again that school budgets and finances are getting 'tighter', not only for our school but every school in Monmouthshire (MCC). In my report of 2014-2015 I was able to share with you the excellent news that we had recovered from a deficit budget, and year on year since then, have continued to be in surplus; however reduced funding for education across the county will impose increasingly difficult circumstances for our school (and many others) to "balance the books" whilst still continuing to deliver an excellent education to our pupils.

Our senior leadership team (SLT) changed in September 2016 with the arrival of a new deputy head teacher, Mr Tim Kane. We were delighted to welcome him to our school and wish him every success.

Our pupils continue to participate in a wide variety of activities, eg sport, music, inter-schools competitions, educational visits and the Abergavenny Eisteddfod . A number of children feed into local sports teams and all successes are celebrated during the various assemblies at school.

Our school is served by a team of dedicated and caring people- teachers, teaching assistants, support staff, office staff, canteen staff, playground supervisors, caretakers and cleaners. In turn they are supported by we, the Governors, and by you the parents/carers/families of our pupils. Together we are a team that is committed to giving each child a safe and happy environment in which to learn and thrive.

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No report would be complete without the special mention of the outstanding work carried out by our PTFA. They organise the Christmas and summer fairs, discos plus other social functions, and raise funds to support the school. Thank you PTFA for your commitment and support.

In July 2017 we said a sad goodbye to our Head Teacher, Sarah Davies. Sarah came to Deri View in September 2012. Within a very few weeks we were involved in an Estyn inspection, and we were judged as "Adequate". Immediately following that inspection, Sarah and our staff put in place an improvement plan to improve standards overall throughout the school. This plan year on year has proved to be an outstanding success (as recognised by Estyn and EAS), and for the past three years we have been categorised as Good/Excellent. This is a wonderful legacy to leave to our school, and it is with sincerity that the governors say thank you Mrs Davies for your vision, drive and enthusiasm. By the end of July 2017 the governors had appointed and welcomed a new Head Teacher, Mrs Adelaide Dunn, who is dedicated to support and progress the excellent academic record that Deri View now enjoys.

Most importantly we recognise the work done by our pupils. Their hard work at school, their involvement in outside activities, their general behaviour both in school and when outside on educational visits etc should make us all proud

Many thanks to you all

Maggie Harris (Chair of Governors, Deri View school until September 2017)



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Introduction:

Every year we send a report to parents as required by law. Parents have the option to request a formal meeting with the Governing Body. No meeting was held in 2016 as none was requested. This report has been written by your Governors with the support of staff and approved by the Governing Body as a whole.

You can write to Mrs Adelaide Dunn, Acting Headteacher, and/or Mr Andrew Cottom, Chair of Governors c/o Deri View Primary School, Llwynu Lane, Abergavenny NP7 6AR

Governing Body – September 2016-17

Name	Representing	Office Ends	
Mrs Maggie Harris <i>Chairperson since Jan 2013</i>	Community Governor	2019	<u>Parent Governor</u> Elected as a representative of the parents and have a child attending the school when elected. <u>Teacher Governor</u> Elected by and from the teachers at the school <u>Staff Representative</u> Elected by and from the non teaching staff at the school. <u>Community Governor</u> Are chosen by governors who themselves are not community governors. It is desirable that they are from business within the community <u>Local Education Authority Governors</u> As appointed by the LEA <u>Head Teacher</u> Has the right to attend all meetings and is a full
Cllr Norma Watkins	Town Council	Appointed Sept 2015	
Mr Jason Chapman	Parent Governor	Elected November 2016	
Ms Sara Burch	Parent Governor	2018	
Mrs Christina Chapman	Parent Governor	Elected July 2017	
Mr Adrian Morris	Parent Governor	2017	
County Councillor Roger Harris	LEA	2018	
Mrs Jane White	Community Governor	2020	
Miss Barbara Owen	Community Governor	Appointed May 2016	
Mr Andrew Cottom	LEA Governor	Appointed	
Mrs Hannah Woodhouse	Staff Governor	Left July 2017	
Miss Hannah Barry	Teacher rep	2018	
Mrs Lavinia O'Brien	LEA	Appointed Feb 2016	
Mrs Sarah Davies	Headteacher	Left July 2017	
Mr Barrie Hodges Directorate for Children and Young People	Clerk	Left July 2017	

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Monmouthshire County Council Innovation House PO Box 106 CALDICOT NP26 9AN			member. <u>Clerk to the Governors</u> A representative for the Director of Education who records matters discussed and decisions made, but is not a governor.
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Parent Governors

If vacancies for Parent Governors become available all parents are informed and anyone interested can nominate themselves and a ballot is held.

School Strategies

School strategies, policies and practices are regularly discussed and reviewed by the Head teacher, staff and Governors.

School Action Plan

Deri View writes an annual action plan reflecting the current needs for the school. The main language of the school is English, with Welsh taught as a second language throughout the school. The current School Improvement Plan was agreed by Governors in November 2016. It is very detailed and available on request.

The major priorities were:

- English and Literacy:- Continue to improve outcomes for learners at the expected level and expected level +1 in reading and writing; so more eligible free school meal learners achieve level 5+ at the end of Key Stage 2.
- Maths and Numeracy: Continue to improve outcomes at expected level and expected level+1 with a focus on eligible free school meal learners and girls at the expected level +1 in maths; so more learners achieve level 5+ at the end of Key Stage 2.
- Assessment: to continue to strategically plan for improved assessment for learning opportunities across the school.
- Welsh Second Language: continue to improve standards in Welsh as a second language at level 4+ and level 5 + in reading and writing at the end of Key Stage 2.
- ICT: Plan for the introduction of the Welsh Government's new digital competency framework (DCF).
- Reducing the impact of poverty. Improve the skills of teachers in identifying and addressing specific learning difficulties. Identify and develop the pupils who are more able and talented, academically, in sport and in the performing arts, measured by an increase in the numbers achieving at a higher level in external tests. Continue to improve wellbeing, attendance, and engagement with families, and continue to

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reduce the gap in achievement between children receiving free school meals and others.

During the year 2016-17 the school was closed for 5 staff training days and no snow days.

Term dates were

Autumn Term 1st September to 16th December. Half term 24th to 28th October.

Spring term January 3rd to 7th April. Half term 20th to 24th February

Summer term 24th April to 21st July. Half term 29th May to 2nd June.

Session Times

	Morning Session		Afternoon session	
	Start time	End time	Start time	End time
Nursery	9:00am	11:30am	12:45pm	3:15pm
Foundation Phase:	9.00am	12.15pm	1:15pm	3.20pm
Key Stage 2	9.00am	12.15pm	1.15pm	3.30pm

School Attendance and Pupil Numbers

During the 2016-17 academic year there was an average of 265 pupils in the primary school. By the end of the year there were 81 pupils in the nursery.

The average attendance throughout the year was 94.3 % in the Primary school, below a target of 95.1%, and putting Deri View in the second quartile for attendance compared to similar schools.

School Policies

The Head teacher, staff and governors have worked together to produce a number of policies to ensure that all pupils are cared for to a very high standard and that they receive a broad and balanced education.

Curriculum policies are reviewed annually and general policies are reviewed on a rolling programme either bi-annually or more frequently as practices in education change and/or to meet the needs of our pupils. A copy or copies of these policies is available to parents on request.

Inspection and external evaluation

The school was last inspected by ESTYN in January 2013. Since 2015, all schools in Wales were evaluated according to a National School Improvement and Categorisation System, whereby schools are graded and the categories are colour-coded according to the school's capacity to ensure improvement. Deri View was categorised as a 'yellow' school in 2016 (the categories being green, yellow, amber and red) and achieved green in 2017. Deri View is one of the few schools in Monmouthshire to achieve this standard, being judged as 'above average' in outcomes and 'improving rapidly', and therefore needing low

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intervention. The Governing body feels that this is a fair reflection of the progress being made at the school and an appropriate accolade to the hard work of staff.

Staff Changes

Mr Tim Kane joined the school as Deputy Head in September 2016. Miss Annabelle Guppy replaced Miss Emily Cooper during the year, and Miss Sophie Jones also joined the school. Mr Darren Fletcher and Mrs Claire Fletcher left at the end of the year. Miss Beth Atkins was seconded during the year. At the end of the year we said goodbye to our School Office team Mrs Sue Hunt and Mrs Shirley Owen, who kindly returned for a few weeks to help with transition. At the end of the year we also said goodbye to our Headteacher Mrs Sarah Davies, and were delighted to welcome Mrs Adelaide Dunn back to the school.

Transition/ School leavers

Staff at Deri View Primary School continue to develop close links with the staff of the local comprehensive school, King Henry VIII School. Throughout their junior years pupils are introduced to the comprehensive school with joint working practices in sport. During the year King Henry staff are invited to Deri View to meet with the staff and pupils prior to transition. Y6 pupils are invited to King Henry VIII School for 'taster days' and in this way they are introduced to life at the comprehensive school. The Y6 and Y7 teachers work collaboratively on curriculum projects. Some of this work is started at primary school and completed in King Henry.

Class Organisation 2016-17

Nursery	3 - 4 year olds	1 class am & 1 class pm (Sept-Dec) 2 classes am & 1 class pm (Jan-July)
Reception	4-5 year olds	1 class
Reception/Y1	4-6 year olds	1 class
Y1	5 - 7 year olds	1 class
Y2	6 - 7 year olds	2 classes
Y3	7 - 8year olds	1 class
Y3/4	7 - 9year olds	1 class
Y4/5	8 - 10year olds	1 class
Y5/6	9-11 year olds	1 class
Y6	10-11year olds	1 class

Sport

The staff and governors of Deri View Primary School are keen to have a healthy school population with high standards in sport. Pupils have a minimum of two hours timetabled teaching of PE each week, over the year this will include dance, gymnastics, games, athletics, swimming (KS2) and orienteering. Many of our pupils are involved in various clubs outside school as well. The School's link with King Henry VIII has given children lots of opportunities to participate in sporting events, including Y5/6 Cross Country, Super 8s athletics, Y1-Y5 multi sports days, and swimming events. Pupils also took part in regional tennis and football events and special needs pupils took part in riding for the disabled and Welsh disability sports gymnastics competitions.

Deri View has many children who excel in sport and take part outside school.

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Forest School

All classes have been fortunate to experience Forest School sessions throughout the whole of the year on the school site.

Music and Events

The staff and governors work hard to develop the music curriculum in Deri View Primary School by offering pupils the opportunity to have lessons on a wide range of instruments.

A love of music is fostered at all Key Stages. Some pupils receive music lessons from peripatetic music teachers who came into school throughout the week. Class music included steel pans, African drumming, and garageband sessions.

Events in school included a Harvest celebration, Remembrance day, Christmas concerts, a St David's Day celebration, a Nursery Summer concert, class events and book fairs. We had a successful school Eisteddfod and children from Deri View represented the school in the Abergavenny Eisteddfod and the Urdd.

Year 6 marked the end of their time at Deri View with a leavers' meal, celebration of achievement and trip to London.

Whole school projects

Children and staff used several themes during the year as an inspiration for cross-curricular work. The themes inspired pupils to engage in independent research, collaborative work and some exciting and creative home learning projects.

Welsh Language

Welsh language is taught throughout the school both incidentally and in Welsh lessons. Children are welcomed daily through the medium of Welsh, e.g. register/dinner register. As a school we endeavour to create a Welsh ethos with signage and the use of incidental Welsh throughout the school day.

Children are formally assessed in Welsh at the end of Key Stage 2, ready to continue learning Welsh in secondary school.

Charity Events- Fundraising-Donations

Money was raised for different charities: Comic Relief and Children in Need continue to be a large fund raising event at school. All fundraising events are superbly supported by parents, staff and the community.



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Bursary Scheme

The school runs a bursary scheme to ensure that children from families under financial pressure are able to take part in every opportunity offered at Deri View.

PTA

We have an excellent PTA and we thank all parents who work so hard to ensure this continues to be successful. Fund-raising events were organised throughout the year with events ranging from family bingo nights to the Summer and Christmas Fairs, sponsored bounce and Ice Cream Fridays. The Bake-off in July was a particular success. All fund raising events were well supported by parents and people in the community.

School Council

Deri View's School Council and Eco-council continued to promote citizenship and represent the views of pupils at the school.

Health in school

Deri View educates all pupils about how to grow up healthily. The 'designed to smile' dental health initiative and encouragement to take up school meals are all part of this approach. The school has policies in place to support children with particular health needs, and staff received training as required during the year. The school has Healthy Eating policies in place. Children are encouraged to bring in healthy snacks only and to enjoy fruit at breaktime. School meals are provided in accordance with Monmouthshire's healthy menus and parents who choose to provide packed lunches are encouraged to provide a balanced meal. Children are taught about the importance of getting their 'five a day'. A free Breakfast club operates every day.

Links with the Community

As a community school we foster strong links with the community. We welcomed regular visits from PC Cath, the Fire Service, Salvation Army, and St Mary's Church. Cornerstone Church use the school every Sunday and have been generous in sharing resources.

The Eco-Committee

The Eco committee have had very busy year, recently gaining their platinum flag.

Throughout the year the Eco committee have worked hard to improve the school grounds by removing the plastic tree ties and planting spring bulbs .

Eco committee have also taken part in national projects to reduce the amount of water wasted and cut down on electricity use. Deri view has also joined forces with other schools at a recent national Eco committee meeting; during this meeting they planned out lots of exciting initiatives for the new school year.

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Work experience/Training Placements

The school welcomed a wide range of interested people who requested a placement to further develop their career, from KHS work experience students to NVQ placements and teaching students.

Support for Home Learning

As part of improving standards all children have home learning tasks including maths learning, reading books and projects which run over a longer period.

Contact with Parents

Deri View works hard to foster and maintain strong links with parents and carers of children at the school. From prospective parent visits through to the whole of the child's school life the head teacher, teaching staff and governors are available to speak with parents and carers to provide support.

During the year parent consultations were held in the Autumn and Spring term and parents were invited to concerts and events throughout the year. All parents are provided with an end of year report giving information about their child's progress and important next steps in their learning. Parents have the opportunity to feedback on the report for staff to continually evaluate their practice.

The Acorn Centre

The Acorn Centre houses a range of organisations that provide services for children and their families in the local community including childcare, education, family support and community education. Buzzy Bees Crèche is run by The Acorn Project and provides childcare for parents to attend a variety of programmes at the centre, and a child development crèche for identified children, funded through Families First. Butterflies Playgroup offers Flying Start free part-time childcare in the mornings for 2 - 3 year olds. The families first also provides yearly breastfeeding peer support groups.

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The centre hosts a variety of Flying Start services for eligible families such as access to health visiting, childcare, early language development and parenting support. The centre hosts a variety of Acorn Project services such as learning support, parenting support and childcare. Parenting courses run at the Acorn Centre and are suitable for parents with children aged 0 - 12. Flying Start and The Acorn Project offer 5 different programmes - The Incredible Years Infant Programme (birth - 6 months), Toddler Programme (6 months - 3 years) Basic Programme (3 - 8 years) School Age Programme (8-12 years) and Take 3 Parenting programme (10 - 18 years). Acorn Project services are provided to families through a referral system. A speech and language therapist is funded through Flying Start one day a week, to run alongside a programme called Chatty Chimps for 2-3 year old, Talking tots which is an early language support intervention in the home when children are identified about 18 months old and part of these programmes is to help the children with their speech and language and more. Flying start also runs a constipation clinic for young children and a Portage programme which is a home visiting educational service for pre-school children with additional needs and their families.

The centre hosts the Families First funded 'Watch, Wait and Wonder' programme. This is a programme that aims to work with families to improve parent/child relationships and attachment. The programme is provided to families through a referral system. Flying Start and The Acorn Project run language and play and baby groups at the centre.

Additional Educational Needs

The review into Additional Educational Needs provision in Monmouthshire is ongoing, and the future of the unit at Deri View remains uncertain. Children with special needs in the school are integrated into mainstream classes with support or a differentiated timetable as appropriate.

More Able Pupils

We have a number of pupils in Deri View who regularly achieve above average scores in standardised assessment tests and who consistently perform very well in class work. We ensure that a differentiated curriculum on a day-to-day basis is provided so all pupils meet their full potential.

Admission for Disabled Pupils

The school believes in inclusion and integration where appropriate, and no pupil is denied admission because of disability. The school has an equal opportunities policy, which states that all pupils should have access to a broad and balanced curriculum and that disabled pupils should not be treated less favourably than all other pupils.

Access to the building for disabled pupils or adults is provided via ramps, walkways, wide corridors and doors.

All staff work hard to ensure that disabled pupils are fully included in all aspects of school life and have access to the wider curriculum. Class teachers differentiate the curriculum so that all pupils can take part regardless of their disability.

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The SEN Health and Safety co-ordinator for Monmouthshire is contacted for advice on access for individual pupils and a range of therapists/agencies are consulted for support on a regular basis. Therapists are also invited to work with pupils in school and at the same time offer advice and support to teachers and staff on the best way to make the curriculum accessible to all pupils. Individual education plans are written following consultation with therapists and in this way the school endeavours to ensure that disabled pupils are treated fairly at all times.

Management of the site

Deri View is fortunate in having a modern school building with excellent facilities. Our caretakers look after the building and we have a contract with Direct Services Organisation for cleaning. Regular premises and health and safety checks are carried out and any issues rectified. The school has been redecorated throughout in recent years, and lockers provided.

Toilet Facilities

The school toilets are cleaned on a daily basis under a Service Level Agreement with Monmouthshire County Council. All toilets have liquid soap, hand dryers and are checked daily to replenish supplies. Nursery pupils have access to separate girls' and boys' toilets directly from the nursery classroom. There are two girls' bathrooms and two boys' bathrooms available to infant pupils with each bathroom containing 3 toilets and 3 wash hand basins. The same facilities are also available to junior pupils in the junior department of the school. The school also has disabled toilet facilities available in both the infant and junior departments.

Standardised Assessment Results – 2016-17

Y2 and Y6 pupils are assessed at the end of the Foundation Phase and Key Stage 2. The results of these teacher assessments and national comparative data can be seen below.

Foundation Phase Outcome5+

Subject	Actual 2017	Benchmark	FSM	N-FSM
Foundation Phase Indicator	90%	Quartile 1	80%	96%
Language, Literacy and Communication	93%	Quartile 1	87%	96%
Mathematical Development	95%	Quartile 1	87%	100%
Personal and Social Development	100%	Quartile 1	100%	100%

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Outcome 6+

Subject	Actual 2017	Benchmark	FSM	N-FSM
English	91%	Quartile 1	89%	92%
Maths	91%	Quartile 1	89%	88%
Science	94%	Quartile 1	89%	96%
WSL	85%	Quartile 2	67%	88%

Key Stage 2

Level 4+

Subject	Actual 2017	Benchmark	FSM	N-FSM
Foundation Phase Indicator	24%	N/A	N/A	N/A
Language, Literacy and Communication	34%	Quartile 2	27%	40%
Mathematical Development	34%	Quartile 2	20%	44%
Personal and Social Development	41%	Quartile 3	40%	44%

Level 5+

Subject	Actual 2017	Benchmark	FSM	N-FSM
English	44%	Quartile 1	44%	52%
Maths	41%	Quartile 1	44%	52%
Science	44%	Quartile 1	44%	56%
WSL	24%	N/A	11%	28%

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The School's Finances

The school started the year with a surplus from the previous year, which was reduced during the year. The figures for the year reflect the loss of funding for the SNRB in the financial year. The figures below are for April 2016 - March 2017, reflecting the Council's financial year. Governors approved a revised staffing structure for the academic year from September 2017, aiming to bring the school back within budget.

Income	MCC/ Welsh Gov	£1,508,216.00
	Other Income and donations	£60,121.00
Total Income		£1,568,337.00
Expenditure	Employee Costs	£1,339,728.00
	Supplies and services (inc IT)	£67,247.00
	Premises	£155,267.00
	Transport	£2,790.00
	Share of central costs	£62,062.00
Total Expenditure		£1,627,094.00
NET Deficit in year		£-58,757.00
Surplus carried forward from previous years		£86,054.00
Net surplus carried forward into 2017-18		£27,297.00