



## **Petersfield Church of England (Aided) School Finance Report 15-16**

The financial year 2015-16 at Petersfield School was again challenging as the expected new Funding Formula has not yet been implemented, but the governors are pleased to report that we ended the year with a budget surplus of £21,000. Around half of this amount related to financial commitments made but not completed prior to 31<sup>st</sup> March, but this is still a much better out-turn than we have seen in previous years.

Expenditure on staffing was a little higher than budgeted, due to the governors' continued focus on raising standards and also factors beyond the school's control. However, the mild winter generated savings on energy costs and we were fortunate to be offered additional funding by the Diocese of Ely to significantly improve the learning environment inside and outside due to the internal redecoration and carpeting, which would otherwise have been paid out of our budget. Designated Pupil Premium funding of £23,000 was spent on specific interventions for eligible pupils to raise their attainment. Sports Funding of £8000 was used mainly to purchase specialist PE teaching which enhanced pupils' PE lessons but also increased the skills of our staff. A pool cover and other resources were also bought.

The school premises saw further improvements in 15-16, with the front wall and hall window being replaced and the car park being re-surfaced and the layout improved. We also made a significant investment in ICT by installing a wireless network in school to facilitate the revised computing curriculum implemented in Spring 2016. The school was very grateful for a donation of laptops by Broadcom and funding from TTP to purchase LEGO and programming resources. £2500 from the PTA resulted in the purchase of a significant number of quality books to foster a love of reading in pupils. We have invested in a new website to communicate effectively with all stakeholders and we were able to second a caretaker, which has a direct impact on the quality of the learning environment and resulted in a reduction in the focus of staff time on matters not directly related to teaching and learning. We are currently looking to recruit a caretaker who can work in school on a daily basis.

Puffins once again covered its costs. User numbers were higher, but difficulties in recruiting staff created a significant workload for school staff in managing and running the provision on a daily basis for over a term. Fortunately, new staff have now been recruited and currently the provision is at capacity on some nights during the week. The potential to increase capacity is being investigated.

The budget for 2016-17 is again focused on raising standards for our pupils. Further investment in website development is planned and we have purchased new schemes of work for PSHE to cover changes to the National Curriculum in this area.