**General Information about the School: September 2017**

Crawley Green Infant School opened in 1961 and became a grant maintained school in 1993. It is now a popular and successful foundation school. The school, which is on the east of Luton, serves a socially mixed community comprising owner-occupied, council, housing association and privately rented housing. We have excellent accommodation and grounds and very good facilities throughout the school.

Crawley Green prides itself on its happy, industrious atmosphere, in which children are encouraged to work hard, play with and support each other, show care and respect to one another, the environment and community they live in. The staff are committed to meeting the needs of the children and families.

We are a three-form entry school, admitting 90 children in each year group from Year R to Year 2, with ages ranging from 4-7 years. There is a lot of mobility within the town and this has increased rapidly at Crawley Green, over the past couple of years.

We admit reception pupils in September with children becoming full-time by October each year. We receive many pupils from Hart Hill Nursery and Crawley Green and Wenlock pre-school. There is a close liaison between the school and these settings

and staff work closely with families and carers to ensure that pupils settle quickly.

The Headteacher leads an enthusiastic and energetic team and is supported by a senior leadership team comprising of two assistant Headteachers. One with respon-sibility for curriculum and assessment (and previous acting headship experience) and one with responsibility for Inclusion. They both work on a part time basis. The Senior Leadership Team and middle leaders are committed to school improvement.

The teachers and support staff are a supportive, hard-working and passionate team, who have a wide range of experience. The reception teachers are well supported by six teaching assistants. There are eight other teaching assistants, who support classes in Year 1 & 2, as well as two language support assistants and two behavior support assistants. Planning, preparation and assessment time in Key Stage 1 is covered by two well-known and established teachers. Our two family workers work with and support families and their children in a wide variety of ways, and have their own fully equipped family room.

We have very supportive parents, who play a key role in the life of the school and are involved in and supportive of their children’s education. We have very good attendance at all school functions, events and parent consultations. There is a newly formed PTA that has successfully planned events in school and raised money for school resources.

Our Ofsted inspection in June 2013 found all aspects of the school to be outstanding stating that “There is an underlying emphasis on pupils’ spiritual, moral, social and cultural develop-ment. This results in their outstanding behavior and understanding of being safe. High quality leadership, management, monitoring and governance ensure excellent teamwork and consistent approaches to teaching. This enhances significantly the pupils’ learning and development”.

In our ‘Investors in People’ assessment review in October 2015, the assessor found ‘A very clear vision’, ‘The school ethos is truly living and breathing’, ‘A genuine commitment exists within the school to achieving excellence’.

The assessor also found that ‘The school continues to foster a culture of community engagement and lifelong learning’.

At Crawley Green we have a well-established tradition of environmental education, which relates to all aspects of school life and is much broader than the formal curriculum. The school site is a valuable teaching and learning resource and includes a woodland walk, small orchard, large field with fitness track, and conservation area with pond, discovery garden, vegetable patches and parent’s garden. We believe that if children are actively involved in both planning and carrying out environmental projects they are more likely to care for their environment. We had the Eco-Schools’ Bronze and Silver Awards for many years before attaining in 2007 the ultimate award of our first Green Flag. Our second Green Flag was awarded in 2010, our third in 2012, our fourth in 2014 and we have just been awarded our 5th Green flag in Autumn 2017.

At the end of Year 2 most of our pupils transfer to Wenlock Church of England Junior School on the adjacent, separate site. There is close liaison between the two schools. Headteachers and Assistant Heads between the two settings work closely together

to provide a seamless transition into Year 3 which is supported by a structured programme of transition.

Crawley Green Infant School is part of Luton’s Eastern Neighbourhood Improvement Partnership and the Headteacher regularly attends the Luton Schools Forum meetings and Luton Educational Leaders meetings.

A wide range of additional information about the school can be found on our school website – www.crawleygreen-inf.luton.sch.uk