



# Maney Hill Primary School

*Inspired Learning for Lifelong Success*

## **School Expansion New Reception Class for 2015**

Dear Parents and Carers

As partners in your child's education, I am writing to share with you some exciting news about the school.

The Local Authority has asked us to increase our school to allow more children from our community to come to our outstanding school and therefore, from September 2015 we will have an additional Reception class.

Both the Governing Body and the School Leadership Team believe that school expansion offers us many opportunities to further develop and extend our high quality teaching and learning for the children.

There are a number of key reasons why we would like to expand our school:

- As one of the most popular schools in Birmingham, we will be able to offer an outstanding education to more children from families in our community.
- Birmingham Local Authority recognise that this is an excellent school and have asked us to help children on our waiting list who have no school currently or have been forced to travel long distances to find a school place.
- Having a larger teaching team will enable much greater flexibility in teaching groups such as challenging work for small groups of very able mathematicians or intensive support from an additional teacher to keep all children on track with our high standards.
- A larger school leadership team will support the retention of our highly talented teaching staff through providing enhanced career development opportunities at our school. In addition, there will be further professional development opportunities for staff through the recruitment of more staff for our teachers to work and learn alongside.
- The current financial climate is extremely challenging, especially for a one form entry primary school. With current budget constraints, set to remain or worsen in the coming years, we will not be able to retain our current levels of staffing. With a two form entry school we will have economies of scale which will mean we can retain and improve on pupil to staff ratios.
- A bigger school is financially more secure. Whilst we value highly our working partnerships with other schools, we want to retain our independence and individuality and make sure that Maney Hill Primary School is the special place we want it to be.

I want to reassure parents that the Governing Body have had long and thoughtful discussions about the future of Maney Hill Primary School. As a Governing Body we are unanimously in favour of the school expanding.

Currently, we do not have all the answers as to how and when we may expand. My priority as Headteacher is to keep parents informed, every step of the way. I am extremely proud of all that we achieve together for our children. At Maney Hill Primary School we are a beacon of excellence and we work hard to sustain and improve upon our achievements. We have agreed to have an additional Reception class in 2015 and we are in consultation with the Local Authority for a permanent expansion to two form entry from 2016.

In order to both keep parents informed and to allow parents to share their views, the Governing Body and I would like to invite you to a meeting to discuss school expansion.

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May at 6pm in the School Hall**

*or*

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May at 9am in the School Hall**

I look forward to meeting with you.

Kind regards,



Mrs S Whitehead  
Headteacher



Mr R Crosson  
Chair of Governors

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I/We will be attending the meeting on

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*Please tick*

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