# Sand Hutton C of E VC Primary School

## Governor's Visit Report Form

| Name of governor:<br>**Gill Wroe (Vice Chair)**<br>**on behalf of other governors present:**<br>**Jo Wheldon (Chair)**<br>**James Drury – parent** | Curriculum area:<br><br>**Open Afternoon and new website launch** | Date of visit:<br><br>**28th March, 2012** |
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| Class visited: whole school |
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| Class tutor: most staff (office and teachers) |
| Objectives of visit:<br>To see the school for the Open Afternoon and the launch of the School's new website. |

Brief Notes:

For many months Andrew Fawcett, Martin Wheldon (parents) and James Drury (parent gov.) had been working on the development of the website.  I, with the support of staff members, had been updating the school's prospectus and the Starters' brochure, for incorporation on the website.

After circulating a flier in the villages in the catchment area, to advertise the event, the school had a number of pre-school prospective pupils come to look round, with their parents, from 1pm.  Being blessed with fabulous sunshine, the Class 1 children were busy with activities outside - some doing maths and others painting.  It was a busy day for school as in the morning it was *Bags2 School* – a PTA fundraising collection and in the afternoon all classes had a visitor who gave an interactive demonstration - the man from the Science Bus/*Portalab*.



The flier had also attracted a few past pupils, who enjoyed looking at the School's Record Book from their era; one of them had brought their school photograph (from 1949!).  After discussion about us eventually producing a history section for the website, he agreed to let us scan his photograph and to write his memories of school days at Sand Hutton, for future inclusion.



At 2pm all congregated in the hall and the winners of the photographic competition were announced.



Mrs Wardell thanked all the contributors who had made the website possible and gave them (and myself!) a thank you gift from the school and a much coveted '*Headteacher's Award*' certificate!

Andrew Fawcett then officially opened the website and demonstrated the layout/dropdown menus and how to click on the prospectus, etc. to download a copy.



The children were enthralled and so excited when they saw photographs of their classes and realised they would now be able to see their work and photographs of events, etc. on the internet. Also, their relatives and friends could now see what their school was like; even a past-pupil and uncle to one of the children, who now lives in Australia, would be able to see what his school is like now!

Then came the surprise for the web-designers (and me!)– the children and staff had been secretly working on a surprise song to remember the website's address and performed it to their guests.  The words to '*Rocking all over the World*' had been modified to '*Surfing all over the Net*'; with the school's web address www.sandhutton@nyorks.sch.uk held up on cards - in syllable sections which were synchronised with the music - by the back row.  The singing and organisation was very impressive and it was a joy to see **all** take part and having so much fun.





The event ended with the cutting of the computer cake (made by the kitchen staff), refreshments (organised by the PTA) and chat and playtime - outside in the spring sunshine!





Throughout the afternoon the school worked as a team: the staff were very welcoming to new parents and supporters, preparation by the office staff meant the event ran very smoothly, the PTA/governor/community support was great, the children were polite and behaved impeccably ….. and all went home to get 'surfing' …. *Sand Hutton School*…!



**Signature of visiting governor:** *Gill Wroe* **(Vice Chair)**

**Date**: 29th March, 2012