

# ***Exemplars of Good Practice – Birmingham Schools Interviewed***

*Schools were selected across Birmingham based on improvements observed between 2012/13 data to 2014/15 in Year 6. Full case studies of each school can be found on our Public Health website: [www.birminghampublichealth.co.uk](http://www.birminghampublichealth.co.uk). Below is a snap shot of some of the great work taking place and how it is funded.*

## ***Acocks Green Primary School, Sarah Ward***

Parental involvement in children's learning is positively related to achievement. It has a positive impact on parents' perceptions                    A

   including coffee mornings in school organised by parents, 6 weekly cookery classes for parents and children in their school kitchen, and have previously held parent activity classes such as Salsa and Keep Fit during school times. All these activities have been funded through the school budget or fundraising activity.

Continuing to generating income to fund initiatives is vital. Acocks Green School have employed a full time Business Manager dedicated to establishing a range of

*St George's Church of England Primary School, Sarah Ward Evans*

Creating partnerships with local businesses has been extremely beneficial. The school has accessed free support from both Tesco and Morrisons through their Community Champion Programmes. These Programmes offer interactive sessions led by a Store Champion and can include supermarket tours focusing on food labelling and sugar content or practical dough making sessions. In addition, the Programmes are designed to inspire children to follow a healthier lifestyle and get them excited about fresh produce.

the existing work pressures compared to many schools which only offer 10%. They deliver on a programme called "The Bank Of Goodwill" which gives staff the opportunity for flexi working or working from home where possible and for those staff who require leave during the school year it allows for alternative staffing arrangements to be made. The positive ethos created allows for

*Marsh Hill Primary School, Julie Holmes*

Marsh Hill Primary School recognises investment in high quality staff as being the best way to sustain