



Report to WSL Parish Council

Monday 23rd April 2018

Thank you for inviting me to the Parish Council APM.

Since our Ofsted rating 'Outstanding' in all aspects last year we have continued to not only maintain this high standard but to build on it and improve further. Here is an update on the development and achievement of various aspects of the school.

School Improvement Projects

- The School Library was relocated last April to the central place of the school with easy access to all.
- Red Kites (Year 4/5) Classroom had a new Teaching Wall installed in August 2017, which has enhanced teaching and learning.
- All windows in the front of school were replaced with double glazing UPVC windows during the summer holiday 2017. This work was funded and carried out by RBWM Building Services. It has not only improved the appearance of the school but also ensured energy saving.
- Due to the Outstanding Ofsted outcome, we have attracted many prospective parents visiting our school, in addition to this, we have also promoted our school through Open Days, School leaflets or recommendations from parents etc. we have achieved our target of increase number on roll from 102 children on roll last year to 120 as of today.
- The School Vegetable Garden was revamped and we are extremely grateful to the Village Charities for their financial assistance and hard work from John Birkett.

The New Adventure playground

WSL children enjoy the Brand New Adventure Playground which was installed over the February Holiday 2018 as planned. We are extremely grateful to everyone who has jointly funded this fantastic project – David Browlow Charitable Foundation, Shanly Foundation, Baylis Media and our PTA. Without everyone's help and support this project would not have been possible.

School Funding

As a school's funding is based on October Census each year and is allocated according to how many pupils it has. Although our number has increased for 102 last October to 120 to date, we have not been able to benefit from it yet until October 2018. To ensure the best and 'Outstanding' provision for teaching and learning, we, therefore, actively seek different sources for funding some projects as identified in our School Improvement Plan – e.g. urgently we need to raise more money or through donations to

- upgrade and purchase new Laptops for children to use
- purchase an Interactive touch Screen for Year 6 Class and
- create a pathway to lead from the main tarmac playground to the new agility equipment area. The path is intended to provide all weather access to the play equipment.
- Upgrade and modernise Boys and Girls Toilets

We would be grateful for any donations from the school community. We have asked parents to help us do this:

- Provide basic stationery supplies
- Sponsored competition such as Spelling Bee last term, we raised over £600
- Ask parents or other family members to consider supporting the Friends of Waltham St Lawrence (FOWSL) charity by making a regular contribution to school funds through a standing order (forms are available here or from the School Office)
- Support the PTA or share any other ideas that can help raise more funds for the school)

Waltham St Lawrence Primary School PTA

Our PTA have worked extremely hard to raise money through various events. Please support us by taking part in the forthcoming event 'Locked in the Case' to be held on Tuesday 22nd May 2018 in the Neville Hall.

They raise an amazing amount of money to help improve the school learning environment according to the SIP each year.

Links with other schools

The cluster Head Teachers continue to meet once a term to discuss matters and share ideas. As part of professional development, teachers also work closely with other schools to share good practice. As an

Outstanding school we have supported other schools by offering opportunities for them to visit our setting, observe lessons and learn from our Outstanding practice etc.

Being Part of the Community

On Wednesday 14th March, our School Choir entertained 3G in the Neville Hall. They sang and acted beautifully and our audience were very pleased with the singing of One Little Voice and Harmony Blues. The children received a lot of praise from everyone there. They have made us so proud. They also 'enjoyed the experience and were 'motivated to sing more and can't wait to sing again till next time'.

The Parish Magazine and Website

We continue to contribute work or news from the children to the magazine **The Lych Gate** on a regular basis. Children take pride in their work and it also gives the community an opportunity to keep up to date of what happens in our village school.

Sports and Other Extra Curricula Clubs

We provide many after school extra-curricular clubs e.g. Running, Golf, Rounders, Sewing, Netball and Football Clubs continue to be popular sports. We also run TaiChi and Homework Club to provide extra support to children. We are very grateful to our parent and Governor and local community members who run Chess Club and Gardening Club which prove to be extremely popular. Our Breakfast Club and After School Care Club provide excellent extended child care services for working parents, the children enjoy the activities offered.

The Village Summer Fete and the Village Show

We will once again take active part in the Parish Summer Fete this June. The children/family will be encouraged to partake in the next Village Show in September 2018.

I hope you find the information provided useful and if you have any questions regarding this report, please do not hesitate to contact me or come and see teaching and learning in action. As always, we would love to welcome you to visit our Outstanding School.

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