

School Head Teacher and School Governors

We pride ourselves on being a small, family school where individual needs are met and all involved in our school are listened to and respected. We currently have 75 children on our school roll, organised into three classes. On a daily basis our ethos is seen through a calm, learning atmosphere that gives all children the opportunities to succeed.

Behaviour remains a strength of our school with the children participating and engaging in lessons and across the school. Our active school council meets weekly, discussing issues that are pertinent to the children. Recent actions from school council have been: mustard on the salad bar, scrapbook and homework clubs and improved lunchtime behaviour from the younger children. We enjoy celebrating achievement, the weekly Sharing Assemblies are very popular, and the children chosen to represent their class are very proud to show and display their work.

In September we welcomed eight Reception children into our school, one of which is on a dual placement with Thomas Wolsey School in Ipswich. Adaptations had to be made to our building and works were completed on our new accessible toilet and a ramp within the school. Further work is required to make our playground and our grounds more accessible for a wheelchair.

Mrs Reid continues to work with children in the eco area and this really has an impact on their learning. Betsy has worked incredibly hard to establish an Eco Team and this meets on a fortnightly basis.

The premises committee organised a working party on Saturday 25th February, this was well attended and a great deal of work was completed in order to maintain and tidy our grounds. Future working parties will be held on the last Saturday of each month, please come and help if you can. Jackie Brinsley attended Forest School training during the weekend of the 3rd and 4th of March. Along with Angela Jones, from Suffolk Wildlife Trust, Jackie planned six Forest School sessions for children in Badgers and Owls class, utilising our grounds and ensuring that our children are having a broad and balanced curriculum. The grounds and opportunities for outdoor learning are a strength of our school and these have been further improved by the introduction of Forest School lessons and activities. We are planning to use Newbourne Springs, and other areas within our community, to extend this area of learning.

We have hosted two teaching students during this academic year, both have been great assets to our staff. Waldringfield Primary School has developed a good reputation for being involved in the training of new teachers over the last few years and I hope this continues. I have also appointed a new Senior Teacher, with the governors and my superb School Business Manager we are providing a clear direction for the strategic development of our school

The school remains a committed team of individual staff and other stakeholders working hard to do the very best for all pupils, so that we can all care and share and learn together.

Sarah Wood