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Annual Report to the Parish Council April 2018

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 have a very happy, committed staff team. On a daily basis this ethos is seen through a calm learning atmosphere that gives all children the opportunities to succeed. The children are fundamental to our school and throughout the year the school council continues to meet weekly, the children facilitate and clerk the meeting very effectively whilst the rest of the school listen attentively. We enjoy celebrating achievement and the weekly Sharing Assemblies are very popular and the children chosen to represent their class are very proud to show and display their work.

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. This was demonstrated explicitly during our recent OFSTED. The report is available for all to read on the OFSTED website. We retained our good judgement and the inspector reported that: *"pupils' behaviour is exemplary. They are respectful to both adults and each other. Pupils have positive attitudes to learning, are self-motivated and work hard in lessons. These are all contributory factors to the strong progress that they consistently make"* With regard to our curriculum the inspector said that *"pupils are highly motivated by their work across the curriculum. The pupils interviewed during the inspection were keen to show me examples of their work across a range of subjects. This included work about rivers and mountains in geography, dissections of a heart and lungs in science, and work and stories about the Tudors in history. The teaching of Latin in key stage 2 provides pupils with the opportunity to develop an understanding of word origins"*

The inspector also valued the way in which we use our extensive grounds and the use of the village hall *"pupils enjoy the opportunity to work outside and use natural resources to make things. For example, Reception and Year 1 pupils made a pulley system to lift logs and older pupils made dens and decorations. The curriculum is further enhanced by 'Wow moments'. A recent example was the use of an inflatable planetarium [located in the village hall] where pupils learned about space. Workbooks and the evidence of pupils' work on display show that pupils are making good progress across a range of subjects."*

I am always seeking new ways with which we can involve ourselves in the community of Waldringfield. This academic year we have delivered our annual Christmas gifts to the residents of Waldringfield and carried out a Litter Pick in the village. Our next Litter Pick is taking place on

The "Walking Bus" continues to be a success. Initially this was to ease the parking congestion problem at the end of the school day, but it has gone beyond that and is now a regular feature of our school week. We made use of it for an entire week both before and after school during the recent Ipswich Road closure. Many residents of Waldringfield assist with weekly activities in the school from hearing readers to gardening. Without such community involvement, we would struggle to offer such a varied and exciting range of opportunities for the children.

The WSA work tirelessly to raise money for the children and this year the Summer and Christmas Fairs were well supported by the village, enabling our children to go to the Pantomime at the Wolsey Theatre in Ipswich. Thank you to all residents of the village who support these events.

Thank you all for your continued support, in a very successful year for our school.