

Hollesley and Waldringfield Primary Partnership

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Annual Report to Waldringfield Parish Council – April 2023

We pride ourselves on being a small, friendly school where individual needs are met and all involved in our school are listened to and respected. On a daily basis this ethos is seen through an active learning atmosphere that gives all children the opportunities to succeed. In September 2021 we formally federated with Hollesley Primary School. Both schools are committed in continuing to provide a small, nurturing, inclusive environment, where individuals are welcomed and celebrated.

Waldringfield currently has 99 children on roll, organised into four mixed age classes, with the exception of Reception, who are taught on their own. See pupil numbers table for a detailed breakdown. We have 13 children who are eligible for Free School Meals (13%) and 17% of the school roll are currently on the SEND register, 6% are supported through an Education and Health Care Plan. There are four full time teachers at Waldringfield, one of these is paid on the Leadership scale and is the Senior Teacher and the other three are main pay scale teachers, two of which are ECTs (due to finish their induction in July 2024). The school benefits from nine Teaching Assistants: many of whom are 1:1 SEND teaching assistants. PPA is provided through HLTA covering the classes and an outside PE provider. Breakfast Cub and After School Club is run by school staff.

From September 2022 the schools appointed an ECT to teach across the two schools, releasing both the Senior Teachers. Both Senior Teachers now have Partnership responsibilities and provide support for teachers and children at each school. Mrs Theresa Elder is the SENDCo for the Partnership and Mrs Karen Harrow is the Curriculum Leader. Along with the Executive Headteacher, the Executive SBM, HLTA and a SEND, THRIVE and SALT Teaching Assistant are shared between Waldringfield and Hollesley.

We are well staffed and well resourced, enjoying spacious learning areas inside and outside. We have an active PTA association who organise activities and events for the pupils' enjoyment as well as family activities to raise money for resources and to support trips. Over the last academic year we have enjoyed being able to offer more enrichment activities such as: hosting football matches with local schools, visiting the Wolsey Theatre in Ipswich to see the pantomime, termly trips to the gymnastics centre at Piper's Vale, in Ipswich.

We continue to all work hard on our values of respect, responsibility, resilience, resourcefulness, readiness and reflectiveness. Personal and social development are all part of our learning and we continue to work on our independence, exploration and stamina. We now follow Cornerstones for our curriculum and this enables children to learn through a different topic each term (or shorter topics within the Early Years classroom). We are always looking for members of the community to enhance our learning, so if you have a speciality or an expertise relating to one of our topics, please contact me. The list of topics can be found on our website, under curriculum.

All classes will again participate in Forest and Beach School during the Summer term, using our local environment to learn across the curriculum. We are taking all of the Y6s from the local smaller schools to Waldringfield Sailing Club in July.

As a partnership of two IP12 schools, we benefit from collaborations with other IP12 schools: Woodbridge Primary, Melton Primary, Kyson, Bawdsey, Sandlings and Orford. We attend termly staff meetings, wider professional development sessions and joint partnership working with the Oracy 21 project.

The school continues to have a committed team of staff, Governors and local volunteers working hard to do the very best for all pupils, so that we can all work together and learn to achieve our potential.

Thank you to all those regularly involved with the school. Please let us know if we can support the community further. Thank you all for your continued support, in making this another successful year for our school.

Sarah Wood (Executive Headteacher)