

As a school's funding is allocated according to how many pupils it has and this falling roll has had a significant impact on our small village school. 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. I would like to say a huge 'THANK YOU' to the Village Charities, The David Brownlow Charitable Foundation for their generous donations to our school. We would be grateful for any donations from the school community. We have asked parents to help us do this:

- Provide basic stationery supplies
- Ask their business provide any support or sponsorship
- 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
- Help us make more grant applications
- Support the PTA or share any other ideas that can help raise more funds for the school

#### **Waltham St Lawrence Primary School PTA**

Since last AGM in November 2016 our PTA had a new Committee. They have worked hard to raise money through various events e.g. Fancy Dress Disco in October 2016, Movie Night in November 2016, Race Night in March 2017 to help improve the school learning environment according to the SIP – PTA paid for the safety surfacing etc.

#### **WSL Governing Board**

We were pleased to appoint Warren Clements as **Co-opted Governor** to join the Governing Board following the recent advertisement in the parish magazine 'The Lych Gate'. Warren Clements is a resident of Shurlock Row having moved to the village in September 2015. He has the right set of skills to help the school.

The strategic roles of **WSL Governing Board**:

- Ensure safeguarding of all pupils and achievement of all groups
- Oversee the implementation of SIP and evaluate the impact
- Ensure the stability of school finances including overseeing additional fundraising efforts, and ensure our spend maximises value for money
- Strive to increase our profile within the school community and improve its understanding of what role the Governing Body plays
- Continue to develop our own skills and knowledge
- Continue to monitor our effectiveness

#### **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, recently we have also worked with schools in other local authorities for joint staff meetings and trainings e.g. teachers and TAs share good practice and swap roles and learn from each other.

#### **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.

**The Parish Website** has also shared the wonderful Ofsted news with the community and created a link to the School website and welcome any school news or children's work to be published there. Thank you, Simon.

#### **Sports and Other Extra Curricula Clubs**

We continue to provide after school extra-curricular clubs e.g. Running, Golf, Rounders, Sewing and Football Clubs continue to be popular sports and our Chess Club and Craft Club run by parents supported by staff are very popular. This term we start a new Yoga Club. We also run Reading and Homework Club to provide extra support to children. Our After School Care Club provides an excellent extended child care service for working parents, the children enjoy the activities offered.

We would appreciate it if someone can help run a Gardening Club in Term 6. Please contact the School Office.

#### **The Village Summer Fete and the Village Show**

We will take part in the Parish Summer Fete this June. We are pleased to be awarded the Chairman's Cup last September for our active participation in the Village Show. The children/family will be encouraged to partake in the next Village Show in September 2017.

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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