



### **Annual Report to Clive Parish Council – May 2024**

At the time of writing, the school has 81 children on roll plus 11 children attending Nursery. Numbers during the year have remained fairly static with just a couple of new entrants and new Nursery intake in October and April (the term after 3<sup>rd</sup> birthdays usually). These numbers are very encouraging and look likely to change little in September. However, there are not many children registered to start Nursery in September so if anyone knows a young person who is having their 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday between now (May) and 31st August, please do encourage them to get in touch!

For a few years the classes have been named after Woodland Animals. The youngest class of Reception and Nursery children (aged 3-5) is Dormouse Class, the Year 1 & 2 class (age 5-7) is Red Squirrel Class, Year 3 & 4 (age 7-9) is Hedgehog and the oldest children (Year 5 & 6 – ages 9-11) are the largest woodland animal – Badger Class.

The children in all classes have spent the year to date studying a range of different topics. These include Rivers, the 1940s-60s, Ancient Egypt, Coast and Country, Mosses and Mountains, Transport and The Great Fire of London. They have also undertaken trips to places related to their topics (RAF Cosford, Stiperstones, Cadbury World) or to other schools and venues for sporting events. All of the activities help to enhance the children's experiences and delivery of a curriculum.

The Community Vegetable Garden has been quite a success this year. Lots of produce has been harvested including potatoes, flowers and LOADS of pumpkins – enough for every family in school if they had chosen to. FOCS made good use of these for their event at the end of October. We are hoping this year to grow more produce and, again, make this available to members of the local community as it comes ready for harvest. This may be in return for a little watering during the holiday periods! We are grateful to the family of Mr Whitley for allowing us to use the end of the field next to "Rowland's Cottage" and to Adam Page for providing us with a very good supply of muck! Also, to the parents and community members who have supported us in this venture.

The annual Small Schools' Cross Country event in March was a great success with over 130 children taking part in a 'proper' cross country course up over the hill and down through the field behind the school. Parents were kept refreshed with bacon/sausage baps and tea/coffee. We are very grateful for the community's patience and understanding with lots more cars in the village looking to park somewhere! We are also grateful to Sansaw Estate and Mr Whitley's family for allowing us to use the hill and the fields for the event.

On Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June, FOCS are organising the summer fair. This is a community event where local organisations are being invited to set up a stall and promote their group and, hopefully, increase awareness and membership. Look out for posters in the future.

So, all in all, a very busy year for all in school. The children have been fabulous and staff have worked hard together to make sure that the school is an enjoyable and caring one. We continue to build on the positive ethos and values highlighted in last year's successful SIAMS report.

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