



Great Wilbraham CE (VC) Primary School

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Annual Report for the Parish Council

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The structure of the school remains the same with four classes and eight year groups and all of the staff have continued in their roles from last year. This has enabled consistency and continued high standards of teaching and learning. The staff work incredibly hard and produce some interesting and exciting learning opportunities. The governing body has also continued to be mainly the same but we have welcomed one new governor who has made an excellent start and knows the school incredibly well!

I thoroughly enjoy my teaching commitment on a Thursday and the children are a delight to work with. The curriculum is tough but our results at the end of year six have increased every year over the past three years. The wider curriculum and the opportunities the children have at this school are really exciting and we have reviewed our curriculum to ensure provision of all subjects. We have had educational visits to Wembley, Cambridge United, Ely Cathedral, Harry Potter studios, Natural History Museum, Wicken Fen, the Cambridge museums and the residential visit to Aylmerton.

We are continuing to improve our whole curriculum and science has been the key focus this year. I have seen a huge improvement in the learning of science and am really impressed with the results. We held a successful science week this month and kickstarted it with a welcome message from Tim Peake! We have been involved in engineering projects, an energy challenge, involving parents and had an exhibition of work at the end of the week. But we don't want science to just be taught in one week, it is about continued sustainability of the teaching and learning across the year and for that reason I have applied for a science quality mark which I hope to hear we have achieved in the next few months.

Our school development plan for this year 2018-2019, is focussed on 4 key priorities:

1. Accelerate the progress of borderline pupils in all year groups
2. Improve expectations and understanding of attendance
3. Improve whole school assessment of the broader curriculum
4. Develop science across the school

The PTFA have worked tirelessly and put on some excellent events, I have enjoyed working with them and would like to thank them for their efforts. Over the past couple of years we have been able to facilitate the trips mentioned earlier thanks to the money they have raised. In addition, the grants they have been able to access have meant the school has been able to install new touch screens in every class and solar reflective blinds. In the current times where school funding is an issue, this is vital to provide as high quality education as possible in an environment which is as high quality as possible.

Last year I wanted to implement the Piece of Cake 10k run around the villages in order to raise money for the school. This trial event was held in June before the summer fete and although it only covered costs it was successful and we will hold it again but with a few more runners. This won't mean the closure of any roads and hopefully won't impact upon the community but I wanted you to aware it was happening on the 29th June, again the morning of the summer fete.

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This year's event will be small scale again – no more than 75 runners – but we would like to make it a big event. However, we are in desperate need of someone who could facilitate the running of the event as a race organiser. There is an army of willing volunteers including myself but we need someone who could spend some time to lead and organise; they wouldn't necessarily need experience of a running event but be a good facilitator and delegator. It could make a massive difference to our school budget and really put the Wilbrahams on the running map!

We have been working with the church regularly and have been attending various services which we now have the nice problem of organising where everyone goes because of the large number of people attending. This is partly to do with the growing popularity of the school (we have about 15% more children now than three years ago) but also the family members who attend. I would like to thank the whole community for their continued support, it really is a great school and community to work in.

Richard Brown
Headteacher

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