

# Waldringfield Primary School

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## Annual Report to the Parish Council April 2015

In September we welcomed two new teachers to our team. Mrs Kennedy is a Newly Qualified Teacher and Miss King is in her second year of teaching. Both have brought new ideas, enthusiasm and a keenness to work in a village primary school. Along with the rest of my staff we have a very happy, committed staff team. 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. 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.

Our school roll is currently at 102. This is the biggest our school has been since anyone connected with our school can remember! Looking through old school log books, our school has grown considerably since 1989 when the school roll was 58.

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.

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, Newbourne and Hemley. The children have designed posters to encourage visitors to take their crabbing lines home with them, rather than leaving a hazard on the beach and the older children have begun to assist with the development of John Waller's nature reserve along the river wall. I am always willing to seek new ideas to involve ourselves in the local community and if anyone has any suggestions than please do contact me.

The introduction of our "Walking Bus" has been a huge 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. On a Thursday afternoon a group of about 20 children leave the school to follow the footpath to the Baptist Church. Their parents then collect them from the Baptist Church car park at 3.20pm. After Easter we would like to introduce a second walking bus on a Tuesday afternoon. I would like to extend thank you to Neil Winship for his support with this venture and to Betsy Reid for her commitment to our school's Eco agenda and her support in our journey to gain an Eco School's Green Flag.

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



The school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children.  
We expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment

