

# Waldringfield Primary School

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## Annual Report to the Parish Council April 2017

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, we have a very happy, committed staff team. 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 109. This is the biggest our school has been since anyone connected with our school can remember and 7 more than this time last year.

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, carried out a Litter Pick in the village and started to run Silver Surfer sessions with people who need support with their tablets and ipads. The "Walking Bus" continues to be a 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. 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. Mrs Christine Fisher Kay has started to run gardening club on a Wednesday and Bim and Marion Sharpe have regularly helped with the upkeep of the grounds and regular cookery sessions with the children. Without such community involvement we would struggle to offer such a varied and exciting range of opportunities for the children.

The WSA work tirelessly to raise money for the children and this year the Summer and Christmas Fairs were well supported by the village, enabling our children to go to the Pantomime at the Wolsey Theatre in Ipswich and we purchased some new play equipment to enhance the playtime provision for the school

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



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



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