

Bealings School

Year in Review

Submitted by Helen Clarkson-Fieldsend, Chair of Governors

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It's been quite a year in the life of our school.

- In the Spring, Bealings School was part of the very popular annual Plant Sale helping to raise funds for both Great Bealings and Little Bealings Church
- The school also participated in the Summer Village Fete, hosting childrens' games and lending our heft in a successful defence of our village's Tug of War Champion title!
- In July, we received a Good Ofsted rating with Outstanding for Personal Development, an area that we particularly treasure as part of our Mantle of the Expert pedagogy
- In September, we welcomed Ana Da Piedade, our new Headteacher, who has focused on strengthening our subject leadership curriculum offering and enhancing staff and student wellbeing
- In November, we held a Remembrance Day event at the War Memorial to honour those who sacrificed for their country and to reinforce our hope for peace
- We have welcomed the community to a variety of events, including our Christmas Fair and regular Community Lunches and we hope to see you at the biannual School Fair which will be held again this year (providing we have enough parent volunteers!)
- We were delighted to see the improvements that the Parish Council facilitated to the path behind the school and have written a formal letter of thanks which we hope was shared with all councillors
- We are very happy to welcome any reading volunteers who would like to come and work with the children so please do get in touch with the office to register your interest and receive an initiation pack
- The children have initiated a regular litter pick up on school grounds and are about to start our work for the upcoming Plant Sale

- While we won't be offering broad beans this year due to lack of interest, we hope to have a range of flower and herb seedlings to grace your gardens in the months to come
- We extend our thanks to the Angela Cobbold Hall and the Bealings Village Hall trustees for use of their spaces for myriad school events
- We look forward to learning more about the Neighbourhood Plan and other exciting development in the village as we are aware that parking and traffic during school hours continues to be a challenge for both residents and non-residents alike
- Road Safety continues to be a shared concern
 - Request to erect 'children crossing' signs in the village
 - Request to add road markings outside the school on Sandy Lane (zig zag no stopping)
- We have asked the Chairman to assign a Councillor to the School to liaise with us on future projects together and if there is any way that the school can do more to be part of village life, please let us know!

On behalf of the children, staff, parents and Governors of Bealings School, we thank you for being part of our community and making us part of yours. The School has served generations of children – some of whom are here today and are grandparents or current parents or graduates and we look forward to building on that heritage for generations to come!