

Bealings School Year in Review

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

- Last Spring, Bealings School was part of the very popular annual Plant Sale, helping to raise funds for both Great Bealings and Little Bealings Church and we look forward to this year's event where we will have a table again
 - While we won't be offering broad beans this year due to lack of interest and enthusiasm by potential buyers, we hope to have a range of flower and herb seedlings to grace your gardens in the months to come
- In March, we welcomed Jen Carlyle from Earl Soham School as Executive Head Teacher and promoted Claire Robinson, our longstanding Early Years Lead to Assistant Head Teacher. Claire has since been promoted to Interim Headteacher and Jen continues to volunteer her time as a mentor for which we are very grateful
- You may have seen the whole school and families enjoying an autumn walk around the village in October - something we hope to repeat in other seasons too. Look out for us all on Wednesday as the children have requested that we upgrade our annual World Book Day playground procession to include a walk in the village.
- In November, we held a Remembrance Day event in school to honour those who sacrificed for their country and to reinforce our hope for peace
- In November, school families were also part of the Benefice's Stir Up Sunday and in December we enjoyed the special Christmas services at All Saints Church, where we have also visited to learn about the Church's history and make sketches
- 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 annual School Fair which will be held again this year.

- We were delighted to welcome our Parish Council Liaison, Helen Saagi, as part of the school community and have been very happy to see her at several of our events, including the Christmas Fair and the Summer Fete
- We are also delighted to be a paid up member of the Grove Farm Residents Association and look forward to being part of regular tidy ups along Sandy Lane!
- We continue to encourage any reading volunteers who would like to come and work with the children to please contact the office to register your interest and receive an initiation pack
- The children are also very concerned about the environment and are leading regular litter pick-ups on school grounds and in the village
- We extend our thanks once again 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 how the Neighbourhood Plan will be implemented 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, and we have placed 'children crossing' signs on Sandy Lane and continue to seek good solutions to the congestion we all face at drop off and pick up times
 - We would also like to add road markings outside the school on Sandy Lane (zig zag no stopping) and invite the Parish Council and any other donors to consider underwriting this effort to keep all safe

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!

Claire and Helen