



Report to Bleasby Parish Meeting April 2023

The school currently has 147 children on roll, this is a slight drop from last year. Next year we anticipate having 135 as numbers coming into school continue to be below the Pupil Admission Number. This is a reflection of the number of children living in the catchment villages, which is likely to be linked to the cost of housing in the area. The children are currently grouped into 6 classes.

The school had an ungraded Ofsted inspection on 28/02/23 and was found to have retained the 'good' grading. In the report, inspectors reflected the character of the school:

Pupils love attending this school. They frequently demonstrate the school's ABC (Achieving, Belonging, Caring) values. Pupils say that everyone is kind and cares about others. Older pupils in key stage 2 often look out for their younger peers. As one pupil typically explained, 'We are all like a family here.'

They were keen to explore the links the school has with the village and the Church – this is something that we would also like to develop further.

Partnership with the Community:

Partnership with the local community since the last meeting has included:

- The Jubilee tea party at the school.
- Choir singing at the village Jubilee celebrations
- Services at the Church for the leavers, new starters, Harvest (with foodbank collection), Christmas and Easter (including Extra Mile Award).
- The Evacuee Day
- Making advent crowns at the Church
- Opening of the trim trail
- A wedding experience at the Church
- Interviews by Reverend Phil of members of the local community.
- The Big Sow

We are currently practising songs and Maypole dancing for the village coronation celebration.

Curriculum Development:

We devised a new curriculum framework over the last year, which was introduced in September 2022. Where possible, we have made links to the local community in our termly enquiries and we hope to develop these further next academic year.

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Each term has a new enquiry question for the whole school to consider, with each of the 3 year group teams (R/1/2, 3/4, 5/6) looking at a particular area in detail, for example to answer the question “When would you prefer to have live?”, the younger children studied the Victorians, Y3/4 found out about the Tudors and Y5/6 investigated World War Two – the children come together in the hall to share their findings and agree an answer to the enquiry question.

Ofsted looked in detail at our new curriculum and reported:

“They have designed an ambitious two-year curriculum cycle...The curriculum identifies precisely what pupils need to learn and when, starting with the early years. Over-arching enquiry questions each term help pupils to make connections between different subjects. Pupils are excited to find out about these new topics. They are keen to tell others about what they have learned.”

More information can be found on the school website which has recently been redesigned bleasbyprimary.org.uk. We also share updates on what we are doing on our twitter account [@bleasbyprimary](https://twitter.com/bleasbyprimary).

Volunteers:

The school’s offer to children is very much enhanced through volunteers whether through donations, organisation of events, running of clubs (Garden and Grow, choir, recorders) being a school governor, being an interviewee/specialist speaker, assisting with maintenance or helping out with children in school. We very much appreciate all volunteers, some of whom are parents and others who are members of the village community.

Please do get in touch if you would like to support the school in some way. In particular, the BSFA are now trying hard to recruit new people, including chair and treasurer, please do get in touch if you would like to be involved. The BSFA work very hard to provide events for the school community to enjoy and to raise money for us and are invaluable.

Developments to the site:

The new trim trail has been very much enjoyed by the children. This was made possible by the BSFA and everyone who has donated to them in some way.

Following a tree survey, significant work was carried out on a number of trees to make them safe. This sadly included the felling of one of the mature silver birches at the front of the school, which has been replaced by Reverend Phil White with a white hornbeam, and an ash which we hope to replace with a coronation tree.

The carpark is scheduled to be resurfaced during the summer half term holiday. Unfortunately, as we do not own the drive up to the school, we are unable to repair the pothole.

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A new perimeter fence should be put in place during the summer holidays, this will increase the security of the site.

A new sign giving information about the out of school opening of the field for local residents has been organised by the Parish Council. The new sign will give a much more welcoming message and match the school's other signage.

Parking:

Parental parking continues to be problematic for local residents. Parents are regularly reminded about parking legally, safely and courteously, with a range of suggestions for reducing the number of cars and amount of time that they are parking.

On the week beginning 15th May, we will be taking part in 'Walk to School Week'. The Waggon and Horses have kindly agreed to allow parents to use their carpark in this week. We are hoping the week may encourage children and parents to either walk or park and walk.

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