



Broad Chalke CofE (VA) Primary School

We currently have 201 pupils on roll across 7 classes.

There are 32 members of staff employed within the school. Since September, we have sadly said farewell to 2 teachers who have retired after many years of service at the school. Our new Deputy Headteacher, Emily, started in Sept 22. We also welcomed a new Year 5 teacher and new EYFS (Reception) teacher in January. Our staff team are amazing. They continue to show huge dedication and commitment to our school.

Our school development plan is heavily focussed on our curriculum provision to ensure we continue to provide a high-quality education for our wonderful children. We introduced 'umbrella topic themes' in September which has provided more opportunities for collaborative projects across the year groups. One of our themes was 'Diversity' which encouraged children to think beyond Broad Chalke/Salisbury and find out more about different countries, cultures and experiences from around the world. We carefully plan trips to support curriculum learning which have included: visiting the local watercress beds, carrying our river studies at River Ebble, Salisbury Cathedral, Stonehenge and attending the Chalke Valley History Festival. Children have also visited The Titanic Museum, Moors Valley and The Living Rainforests. Later this month our Year 6 children will enjoy a four-day residential trip to Wales where the children will engage in exciting adventurous experiences including, surfing, gorge scrambling, high ropes and muddy assault course fun! In September our Year 5 pupils will also attend a residential at Lee Abbey.

Attending local sporting competitions and events continues to be a priority for our pupils. This year, to date, we have participated in a cricket festival, football tournament (girls and boys), hockey tournament and hosted a High-Five festival.

We have made a few physical changes to our building which include moving the library to the central space. This has improved accessibility for the children allowing them to share and choose books more easily. The 'old library room' has been partitioned to create one large meeting/group room and a delightful nurture room. FOBS, our PTA, provided much needed funds to beautifully furnish the nurture room which is used by individual/small groups of pupils who are struggling with their wellbeing or mental health.

One of the most impactful changes in the last 12 months is introducing 'Crumble the Dog' to our school community! Crumble comes into school every Thursday and reads with children or meets with individuals who are having a tough time. Staff also absolutely love Crumble and look forward to Crumble Time!!

We highly value our strong relationship and support within the local community. FOBS, our Parent Teacher Association, continue to champion our school by organising creative fundraising opportunities including Coronation Tea Towels and planning our recent Spring Fair (which raised £2300). Later this term an exciting school disco is due to take place.

Our Year 6 pupils have now been informed of their secondary school place. This year our pupils are moving to 10 different secondary schools.

I have now been the Head Teacher for one year- what a year it has been! It really is such a privilege to be part of such a fantastic school and community.

Heather Luft