

Scarning VC Primary School Report to the Scarning Parish Council 18.4.16

Attendance at the school has been strong with last year's attendance a little above the national average. This academic year promises to be stronger with attendance currently placing the school in the top 25% of schools nationally for this important measure.

The 2015/16 academic year saw the children at Scarning attain levels that were broadly in line with the national average. Pleasingly the amount of progress the children made from their various starting points was well above average. This is the second year in a row that the school has celebrated particularly good progress for its pupils.

After many years of service Mr Chambers retired as Headteacher. He was given a good send off at the end of the summer term. Mr Nick King the new Headteacher started in September.

There have been many cultural and sporting highlights since the last report:

- \* County finals for our cricket rugby and girls' football teams
- \* An age group winner in the Norfolk Cross Country finals
- \* Two curriculum " Excellence Weeks" which have focussed on Astronomy and the fantasy genre of "Steam-punk"
- \* Participation in dance projects and the "Shakespeare in schools" festival at the Kings Lynn Corn Exchange
- \* The launch of "Norfolk Interview" project
- \* The start of our new "Forest Schools" club

The school has continued to enjoy support from the Secker Trust. The development of a Reading Volunteer area and a refurbished and re-stocked library are two parts of the school that have received a boost from the Trust.

We have also tried to further develop links with the local community. Successful Church services have taken place at Christmas and at Easter, and the school is now contributing a regular piece to the Scarning News.

Over the years the school has expanded greatly. Currently the roll stands at 280, with the children divided into 10 classes. Next year will see the school roll increase to 310 and in the following two to three years we anticipate similar growth. Soon the school will be best described as "Two-form entry".

Some extra building work will need to take place to accommodate the growth in the roll; though this is currently at a very early stage of planning. Traffic and parking issues are routinely looked at as part of any significant school building project. The governing body of the school is well aware of unsatisfactory parking situation at pick-up times.

The year ahead promises much: an expanding school; a renewed school vision and aims and, for September, the launch of a new school curriculum.

Nick King,  
Headteacher