

Scarning VC Primary School Report to the Scarning Parish Council

Attendance at the school has continued to be strong, with last academic year's attendance well above the national average. At the time of writing attendance for this year should again be above the national average.

The 2015/16 academic year saw the children at Scarning generally attain levels that can best be described as above average. The amount of progress the children made from their various starting points was again above average.

The school has again continued to do well in the sporting arena, with an excellent representation of Scarning children in the county cross-country finals. The school has also made the county netball finals and achieved well at the West Norwich and Dereham swimming gala. Our dancers also represented the school with distinction at a recent festival in Norwich.

Like last year, successful Church services have taken place at Christmas and at Easter, and the school has continued to contribute a regular piece to the Scarning News. We have introduced the "Norfolk Interview" programme which has seen the children taking part in a Q&A session with a number of people who make Norfolk the place it is. Visitors have included, amongst others, an engineer, a police officer, a naturalist and representatives from TESCO.

The school roll is now 325 (45 up on the same time last year) and is now officially designated a "2 form entry" school. This means that in time the roll will increase to 400+. For the second year in a row the school is over subscribed.

Internal building work, or "re-modelling", will take place in the summer break to allow a twelfth class to start this September. It is then anticipated that two more classes added to the school (most likely at the rear) will be ready for academic year 2018/19.

Parking at the pick-up and drop-off times continues to be a challenge. Following the suggestion at last year's Parish Council meeting we have been directing residents with concerns to the Parking Operations Department in Kings Lynn. We have also requested police support at times to help alleviate the situation. Although they have advised us not to "police" the situation ourselves, we do regularly provide pleas for sensible parking practices in our newsletters. The building project, when it finally starts, will have, as a matter of course, the parking situation considered. The school has also supported the residents keen to reduce the speed limit in the area adjacent to the school.

The school has continued to enjoy support from the Secker Trust.

It is my belief that Scarning VC Primary School remains a happy, thriving school - one that the whole community can be proud of.

Nick King,
Headteacher