



Malborough with South Huish C of E (VC) Primary School

April 2024 Report for Malborough Parish Council

After Mrs Stallard's report from last year, we are delighted to share that she gave birth to a baby boy in January, named George and is looking forward to returning to the Head of School role in September 2024. We have an Interim Head of School Mrs Pearson who started her role in this January. Our current staffing structure means that we have five Teachers (2 part time) across our four classes and from this April will be supported by five Teaching Assistants, one Mealtime Assistant, one Caretaker, one Kitchen Manager and one Administration Assistant.

We currently have 81 children on role with two more due to join us in April. This means at present we continue to have four classes.

Our children are given as many outside experiences as possible; they have had visit from HMS Magpie, RNLI Coast Guard, the Maritime Museum, Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue, Ambulance Service. They enjoyed Sailing Lessons in Salcombe Harbour, a visit to Buckfast Abbey, Exeter Cathedral, Exeter Synagogue, RAMM Museum in Exeter for a hands on experience about the Egyptians, Bantham Life Surfing, learning about beach safety, Paignton Zoo, Cannoning with Singing Paddles, Salcombe Maritime Museum.

The school activity support lots of Charities, Children In Need, Macmillan, Red Nose Day, World Book Day, as well as the children doing other fundraising for the Red Cross and the Shekinah Mison, which is a homeless Charity in Plymouth, as well as the Kingsbridge Food Bank.

The school is lucky to be part of The South Hams Federation and the children take part in swimming gala's, gym and dance shows, cross country and enjoy joint residential to, The Box in Plymouth, the Aquarium sleeping with the sharks, Forest and Beach, Grenville House at Brixham, which is an outdoor activity centre, Dartmoor Zoo, sleeping with the Tigers, carol singing in Salcombe and at Heron Valley and the Rotary Swim Marathon.

Last year the children enjoyed celebrating King Charles Coronation and some of the children joined in with the Malborough Community celebrations and performed Maypole dancing and the school organised the Children's Sports. Our most exciting event was a celebration of the school's 150 Birthday, with a wonderful sunny day in School, with past pupils and staff enjoying cream teas, with year 6 children showing visitors around the school, with Maypole and Country Dancing, with the Kingsbridge Silver Band playing all afternoon, followed by a birthday cake that was enjoyed by all. The school enjoyed being part of the Malborough Scarecrow Competition.

The School works hard on ensuring all our children are accessing a broad and varied curriculum, making sure that their learning is not just focused on Maths and English, but on the other Foundation subjects, Science, Art, Music, Geography, History, Computing, RE, PE

and DT. Forest school provision continues with the use of Malborough woods. The children continue to embrace and benefit from this aspect of our curriculum. Similarly, we try to arrange lots of events to bring learning to life for our children.

The Eco Council have been involved with 'Until the Coast is Clear' They have been part of the Church Eco Rewilding project, they have undergone beach cleaning and many more activities, the School is working with the other Schools in the Federation on sustainability.

We continue to work closely with All Saints Church attending regular monthly services. Celebrating our leavers service last year, Harvest, Armistice Day, Christmas Performances, Christingles as well as Mothers' Day service and Easter service for our community. We are awaiting our SIAMS inspection, this is a Church School Inspection similar to Ofsted, we regularly receive advice from the Exeter Diocese education department to aid our preparation. The children also enjoy having outside people coming into school to talk to them about other religions. The School is very lucky to have Father Daniel who supports the school in so many ways, Trevor Becker who comes into school every week and singings with the children and plays the organ at every event, Becky Evans from Youth for Christ who attends our monthly services and comes into school and sings with the children and undertakes Bible lessons and other important lessons for the children, especially the year 6 children transitioning to year 7.

We, as a school in the heart of Malborough appreciate all the support we receive by so many people in the Community, thank you to everyone, our small school family would not be the same without it.

We look forward to a busy Summer term and celebrating the 80th D Day Anniversary.

Jane Greaves – Chair of Governors South Hams Federation