

This term has proved to be slightly less daunting than the first term with its nursery's water damage and Heather the cook's absence, but we did have to cope with Mrs Rooks unfortunate knee injury. Happily, due to Mrs Rooks fortitude and keenness to return to work her absence was reduced to a minimum and like any area that is well led the Early Years provision and its staff stepped up to the challenge.

Following our reporting in the Christmas Newsletter of our excellent KS1 & 2 results the staff and governors were all extremely pleased to see the positive press the school received in a Shropshire Star article in December where Corvedale School was ranked in the top 5 schools in Shropshire based on our end of Key Stage 2 SATs results. This followed our fantastic Ofsted report at the end of the last academic year and confirmed your wonderful comments as parents in response to our Parents evening questionnaire last term.

Some of the main work this term has centred on investigating how we can stop a reoccurrence of the water damage we experienced in the nursery before Christmas and beefing up the temporary flood prevention measures the Governors put in place. To that end there is a meeting due just before the end of term with the diocese and the consultants they use to plan and manage work projects to devise and cost a scheme to tackle this issue. We are hopeful that the diocese will provide financial help with this, In addition, we began working with the diocese over summer to tackle the carbon footprint of the school and a bid based on a survey of the school undertaken during the summer holidays was submitted to the Governments Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme. We have just been informed that we are one of the schools who have been successful in that bid, and it should result in the replacement of our old boiler with a more cost efficient one.

We are pleased to announce that this year our reception intake is 14 pupils, the highest it's been for some years. This helps redress the 14 pupils who are leaving this summer, and we are hopeful that we can continue this trend and grow the school's numbers as some of the years with low numbers in them eventually leave. The high numbers we now have in the nursery encourages us in this belief. To sustain this we intend to increase the footage of the nursery next year by including the present classroom used by Mrs Rook into the nursery.

The work of the Corvedale School association has continued to provide us with very important additional funding for the children and it really is appreciated. Congratulations on their very successful recent bingo evening which was enjoyed by everyone present.

On a similar note, the net ball team have reached the final of the South Shropshire Tournament which is amazing considering our schools size and is a big endorsement of Wendy and Heathers coaching skills.

It only remains to wish you all a very Happy Easter and to thank everyone associated with the school for all their support and hard work.

Dave Hedgley - Chair of Governors on behalf of the Governing Body

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