



This has certainly been an eventful first year for Mr Davda with only the first half term of the year not presenting him with challenges ranging from the nursery flooding to unfortunate staff absences. Aided by the way staff readily stepped up to the challenge he has been able to manage all the problems presented to him extremely well. The recent visit of the Local Authority Schools Improvement Advisor confirmed our own belief that the school is in a good place, with strong all-round leadership and it requires only the lowest level of support from the Local Authority.

We are pleased to announce that this year our reception intake is 14 pupils, the highest it's been for some years. This helps balance the 14 pupils who are leaving this summer. We are hopeful that we can continue this trend and grow the school's numbers when some of the years with lower numbers in them eventually move on – and 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 in the space available to the nursery.

Mr Davda and the Resource Governors have worked hard to balance the budget and as result we can maintain the present staffing levels. The Local Authority, thanks to insight and hard work from Mr Davda, have also agreed to give financial support to the nursery for the next two years. Hopefully, as our numbers grow, we will not need this support in the future.

Some of the main building work this term has centred on investigating how we can stop a reoccurrence of the water damage we experienced in the nursery. We are awaiting quotes before commissioning this work. In addition, we began working with the diocese to tackle the carbon footprint of the school and a survey of the school will be undertaken during the summer holidays linked to improving our energy efficiency ratings before possible heating upgrades. We are also aware that the exterior paintwork of the school will need attention soon.

In the key area of educational achievement, initial results from internal KS1 moderation and KS2 test data is pleasing - as is other internal data for children in Years 2-5. It confirms that the School Development Plan has targeted the right areas, and good progress is being made by the children. We await comparisons with national and local data. We are listed for a church focused SIAMS Inspection next year and everyone, including the children, has been working towards a hopefully positive result.

What a set of achievements in football, netball and rounders by our children in small school sports! Shropshire Champions in all three areas! A big thanks must also go to the staff who've coached the children to these high standards, giving freely of their own time. Please remember that all our extra-curricular activities rely upon people giving up their own time.

Similarly, 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 Sports Day BBQ which was enjoyed by everyone present. Please support them in events they organise.

A big thank you to the Millichope Foundation for their continued support which allows us through Mr Bennett to deliver quality music which the children really enjoy and exhibit in their performances such as the Leavers Production of The Wizard of Oz which was excellent.

Thanks, especially, to all the school staff, volunteers and Governors for all the hard work and dedication they put into making the school a successful and happy place for the children. Recruitment of children to both the nursery and the main school is important. Please spread the word about what a good school we are. We wish all our Year 6 leavers every success in the next stage of their educational journey.

Have a good six-week holiday and we look forward to seeing everyone again in September.