



**RUSHBURY C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
**Headteacher: Mrs Diane Pye**  
**Annual Report to Rushbury Parish Council**  
**27 April 2020**

### **Pupil numbers**

In April 2020, there are 46 children on roll.

Five Year 6 pupils will leave at the end of this year.

Ten pupils will join in September 2020 (*this year we are over-subscribed for September and several parents have lodged appeals with the LA, so we may have more than ten starting in September 2020*).

Little Acorns Nursery is based on the school site and is open Monday to Friday.

### **Organisation and staff**

In summer 2019, we appointed a new full-time teacher, Miss Kate Reeves. There are now two full-time teachers and one part-time headteacher (Mrs Diane Pye). The headteacher's working days are flexible to enable her to be at all important school events. Mrs Sue Manley is now assistant headteacher. The school employs five teaching assistants. Teaching assistants include a Spanish specialist and Forest School leader.

The school employs a full-time administrator, Sian Mann, who joined our school in June 2020, and a site manager, Paul Norton.

The current chair of governors is Mrs Sue Koenig.

The current chair of the Friends of Rushbury committee is Mrs Laraine Oxley.

School meals are cooked on site by Telford and Wrekin catering services.

Other staff include: music tutors (violin, keyboard and guitar) and our special educational needs coordinator, Mrs Alison Rawlings. All children in Key Stage Two learn to play the recorder.

Volunteers include: Mr Williamson and Mr Taylor, who run a chess club; Open the Book assembly and worship group, and parents who help with Friday afternoon enrichment activities such as cookery, gardening, computer programming, art and Eco work.

### **Standards**

The school maintains high standards of progress and attainment. For the last three years, the school has been in the top 10% nationally for attainment.

In the summer term 2017, the school was judged as 'Outstanding' in all areas by Ofsted.

In March 2020, the school was judged 'Excellent' in all areas in its Church School inspection. Both inspection reports are available on the school website.

The headteacher does some work for Ofsted as an inspector and monitors standards in other schools in the West Midlands.

Rushbury School has partnerships with Chester and Worcester teacher training colleges and often hosts students. In addition, staff from other schools spend time working with staff at Rushbury as part of their training and development.

### **Some interesting events in 2019/20**

#### **COVID 19**

The school is currently closed because of the Covid-19 restrictions. We continue to be open for the children of key workers and remained open through the Easter period.

In the summer term 2019, Year 5 and 6 pupils visited London and the Houses of Parliament. They also took and passed their 'Bikeability' training and Key Stage 2 children visited The Pioneer Centre in Cleobury Mortimer for a residential stay. Our end-of-year summer musical, *Songs and Sketches from Mary Poppins*, was performed in St Peter's Church, which was packed with appreciative parents and local folk.

In August 2019, our Shrewsbury Flower Show Garden based on sustainability was highly commended.

In September 2019, Class 1 visited Barmouth. In the same term, Class 2 visited RAF Cosford and Liverpool.

In autumn 2019, we introduced the first of our termly 'Inspire Workshops'. These involve parents coming into school to work with their children on a project related to their class topic.

Also in autumn 2019, we were awarded 'Leader in Reading' status by the Shrewsbury Bookfest. Several of our children won story book writing awards for the Shrewsbury Bookfest 2019. One child gained second place and was presented with a prize by well-known author, Jacqueline Wilson. In addition, pupils attended a presentation at Weston Park after gaining third place for their model of a Victorian train in the Hall's art competition.

In December 2019, we said goodbye and thank you to Rev. Nancy Cleaton who has supported and worked with us since 2012. Sue Jelleyman has taken her place as a foundation governor at the school.

The usual end-of term events, such as the Christmas Fayre and Nativity in Rushbury village hall were well-attended and most enjoyable.

In January 2020, we launched our new website: [www.rushburyschool.co.uk](http://www.rushburyschool.co.uk). In addition, we have an updated school logo designed by Matthew Mills.

During the year, parents and relatives have been visiting the school to talk to the children about their jobs. To date, visiting speakers have included a: Norland Nanny, GP and a Gamekeeper.

The children continue to sing regularly at various venues; most recently in Church Stretton where they sang at the Thursday market, the Co-op, Mayfair Centre and Church Stretton medical Practice.

The school grounds continue to be upgraded. This year's improvements have including the adventure playground and a new Tepee in our Forest School area. The school minibuses enable us to take the children out and about, with visits to the theatre, museums, sports events and various activities and workshops.

The school maintains many close links with regional organisations and other local primary schools.

Rushbury School continues to thrive and has many exciting things planned for the year ahead.