

Kettlewell School News

It is hard to believe that we are already approaching the end of the academic year, and what a year it has been!

Kettlewell Primary School continues to be a unique, vibrant community in which everyone aspires to our vision of being “happy and thriving, the best we can be.”

We are, of course, delighted that our progress has been recognised by Ofsted, and we will continue to build on our “Good” judgement in all areas. This has been a real team effort – parents, governors, all staff and of course the delightful pupils themselves, along with members of the wider community and parish councils for their faith in the school and more specifically the partnership with Upper Wharfedale School.

This, combined with some outstanding SATs results from our Year 6 pupils, is a wonderful way to end the year. Congratulations go to Ben, Mia, Daisy and Humphrey on their excellent achievements and we wish you well in your new schools.

The school continues to grow in terms of both quality and sustainability. We have welcomed Kitty, Nathan, Teddy, Peter and Summer recently, as well as our new reception pupils from September – Jack, James, Katie and Sapphire. We will have 33 pupils next year, significantly higher than predicted by the Lo-cal Authority a few years ago!

You will also be aware that at last we can formally welcome Mrs Newey as a permanent member of staff. This was following a gruelling interview process which proved her worth even further. Helen has been a great asset to Key Stage 1 and we are delighted that she is continuing with us.

The new federated Governing Body meets for the first time on 13th July in preparation for the formal beginning of the federation in September. These are very exciting times and through this we will continue to develop and sustain education in our communities. Please look out for the new website; Kevin Roe has worked tirelessly in helping us to promote the school, as well as being legally “compliant”. This has not been an easy task, and I am very grateful for his support.

Amongst these celebrations, however, there is of course a tinge of sadness. We have said farewell to Mrs Malley, and Mrs Appleton will be retiring in August after 34 years at the school. June’s commitment to the school over the years is to be admired, and she has made a significant difference to the lives of generations. I am sure she will be a regular visitor to the school and send her and her family our best wishes.

I hope you all have a happy, safe and restful summer!

Andrew Taylor