

St Wilfrid's CofE Primary

Annual Report

2022-2023

This year has seen the school undergo a significant change and we have been grateful for the continued support of the different churches and their prayers.



In July 2022, following an extensive consultation process and overwhelming support from our community, we became a founding member of Hurst Education Trust. We joined Albourne Primary School and Ditchling (St Margaret's) Primary School and have enjoyed working together on a variety of projects to support our children's learning further and develop our staff.

Alongside introductions of a new phonics scheme to the 3 schools, we have benefited from regular school improvement visits to support us in making sure the decisions we make ensure the best for our children. In addition, our Year 4 children have been attending swimming lessons for free, and other year groups and sports teams have made use of the Hurst fleet of minibuses to take them on various trips and to sports competitions.

School Development Plan

Each year, our school community comes together for a week in the summer to work on the priorities for the following year. From this collaboration (and other factors) we determine 3 key priorities for our focus for the academic year ahead and running through these 3 priorities are golden threads.

This year our 3 main priorities have been,

- Quality of Teaching – establishing outstanding practice
- Curriculum Development – focussing on diversity and RE
- The Development of the Performing Arts – creating opportunities in music, drama, dance and performance.



Our 3 golden threads running through the priorities are,

- How are the school values represented throughout the actions we are taking?
- How will the decisions and actions we take impact on children with SEN?
- How will technology support the development within each priority?

These have been driving forward school improvement this year and have been reviewed regularly.

Supporting Children and Families

Our strategic aim of wanting everyone 'To shine as lights' continues to motivate the decisions we have made as a school. Our team has been working hard to support all children's development and engagement in their learning. We have been focussing on developing outstanding teaching at our school as we work towards being seen as an outstanding school.

Alongside a new phonics scheme (Read Write Inc Phonics) to support children in the Infants, we have also invested in a whole school maths scheme called Power Maths to ensure a consistent approach across the school.



As mentioned earlier, we have invested in performing arts and children in Years 2 to 6 receive weekly dedicated music sessions from specialist music teachers and we have had the pleasure of seeing the children share their learning on several occasions. Alongside this, our Reception children performed their nativity story and Year 1 and 2 performed their Nativity play. This year, Years 3 and 4 performed 'Splash' to the delight of parents

and families in March. This is the first year years 3 and 4 have put on a production and this means all children will have at least 4 opportunities to perform on stage to an audience and 3 opportunities to be the supporting chorus. We are looking forward to Year 5 and 6s performance in the Summer term.



Ms Strange, in her role as Pupil Premium Coordinator, has continued to support our families in the greatest need, working with outside agencies to ensure they receive the appropriate care. Mrs Russell, in her role as Special Educational Needs Coordinator, works to ensure children have access to the appropriate learning and develops systems and interventions to support teachers in their roles. She has also been working to achieve the Autism Awareness Award (Bronze) for the school's work



in supporting children with Autism and their families.

For the past 2 years, we have been celebrating the many different languages spoken by our families at St Wilfrid's. Each week, we focus on one language and children learn a few words and phrases.

Technology

Despite the challenging financial picture, our PTA (FOSW) have donated money to the school and this has allowed us to continue to purchase laptops for our year 2s and tablets for Year 1. This means every year group has a dedicated number of devices they can use in their learning.

We have also purchased a new computing scheme and children in Years 2 to 6 have dedicated computing time each week.

PE and Sport

Once again, PE and Sport have been returning to normal and children across the school have been able to take part in our internal events as well as attending external tournaments and festivals. Our girl's football team has once again proved to be a strength at the school making it to the Mid-Sussex finals. We have also had success in the Cross Country with 2 pupils making it to the Mid-Sussex finals and 1 girl making it to the Sussex finals (Unfortunately due to bad weather she wasn't able to compete).



Transition and Pupil Numbers

In July, we said goodbye to our Year 6s and held a leaver's service outside for them as they started their new journey at secondary school. Father Chris and Reverend Martin and Father Edward supported the service.

In September, we were able to welcome our new children into Reception and their entry into school has been very successful.

Worship

We have been delighted to return to 'normal' and welcome Father Edward in to lead worships on Wednesday along with Father David (St Richards) and Reverend Martin (Ascension Church).

At Easter, we once again held a Stations of the Cross morning and the children of the school were led through the events of that first Easter by our clergy.



Moving Forward

We are excited about the next 12 months and, despite changes to our staff team and the current challenges, we know that God continues to be with us and we continue to value your prayers.

