

Beachborough Report 2018

For Westbury Annual Parish Meeting

This has been another busy year at Beachborough, during which the school has continued to have a healthy dialogue with the Parish Council through the Parish Clerk. Work was completed on the overflow carpark (entrance in Mill Lane), which has resulted in less mud being driven on to Mill Lane. Although we had originally anticipated using grasscrete for the project, the surfacing used for the carpark was governed by the conditions in the AVDC planning consent with the method of construction designed to minimise any damage to the trees in the locality. Other completed projects include the completion of the new Technology, Engineering and Design (TED) Suite in the old courtyard, which provides the school with a facility that underlines the growing reputation of our school.

We continue to strive to be good neighbours. The school is aware of the concerns regarding traffic, in particular in Mill Lane, where parents are exiting the school. The school has been carrying out work to improve the visibility from the schools exit, which has involved removing a shed and lowering of the fence along the exit road. The initial plan to remove the vegetation from the school wall running along Mill Lane, soon turned in to a much larger project as the removal of the vegetation revealed significant bulging which needed rectifying. Work on rectifying this has taken longer than anticipated due to the inclement weather, but is now very close to completion. We hope the Parish Council will appreciate the school's effort to ensure the remedial work blends into the existing stone work and thus improving the appearance. In addition, the white road markings lines have been repainted and additional Give Way and speed limit signs have been erected around the site.

By improving the line of sight down Mill Lane to those pulling out of the school grounds, we hope that this has reduced the risk of any future incidents. It is a sign to both parents and the local community about how important we take our responsibility and their safety, and that we as a school respond to concerns raised.

In the course of this year there have been a number of ways that we have helped the community; a number of village children took part in a primary schools' cross country event and Westbury residents were offered free entry to the school Christmas Fayre. Westbury Cricket Club play on the schools cricket pitches and we continue to host the Badminton club in the Sports Hall. The Beachborough community support the Westbury Village Hall and shop café where we can.

Following strong winds in September, our groundsmen removed a tree which had fallen over into the road. This was completed prior to the council workers arriving, which minimised the impact on local residents. The school also assist with snow clearing. The groundsmen offer ongoing support to the PCC of St. Augustine's and help to maintain the church by repairing heaters, changing light bulbs, clearing and sweeping paths and tending

to the graveyard through strimming and weed spraying. The school were also pleased that following the Christmas Carol Concerts held at St Augustine's, almost £500 was raised in collection by parents for the church.

The school does continue to experience problems with dog mess / bags within the grounds of the school which as well as being unpleasant, also poses a significant health risk when left on the playing fields. The school is very appreciative of the reminders that have been sent out by the Clerk, and would ask that the Parish Council continue to support the school in respectfully reminding the local community to clear up after their dogs.

With the school welcoming its 8th Headmaster, Mr Christian Pritchard, in September, we look forward to continuing to work with the Parish Council and strengthening our relationship with local residents. We are very proud to have been based in this wonderful parish for the last 75 years, and wish the Parish Council another successful year.

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