

Hindon Primary School Annual Report by Lynne Miskin – Foundation Governor

At the beginning of 2017, I was appointed as the new Foundation School Governor. This report gives a brief summary of the school activities to date.

There are 42 children at the school of which nine children are from East Knoyle; in September 2018 this will increase to 11. Stephen Morant has purchased the garage next to the school and donated the old garage building and land. He now intends to sell the School House and use the proceeds to develop the garage site for the school. The school is working with the Diocese to move the project forward, to create extra classroom space or nursery school facilities on the school site.

Lots of trips have been organised for the children, including seeing the 'Dippy the Dinosaur' in Dorchester, a visit to the Natural History Museum and to Longleat. Swimming lessons for the whole school have started and will continue for the rest of the year. A quiz night for parents and friends was organised in March and held in East Knoyle village hall to raise funds for the school which was well supported.

The school now has a 'stay and play' for mums, their babies and toddlers on a Tuesday morning; currently it is located in the 'portacabin' on site and it is beautifully equipped and is well run. The group is open to anyone living locally and we ask for a small donation to cover the cost of refreshments.

Recently the Head asked for £700 towards the purchase of new laptop computers to replace older and redundant models. The PCC discussed this at a recent meeting and agreed to support from the Sunday School Fund and to finance the new laptops on the condition that they were to be used to improve the religious education of the children. I have informed the Head of both decisions.

I attend the school weekly to monitor the children's work, attend assemblies, listen to the pupils read and stay in regular contact with the Head and staff. The school is grateful for the support from the PCC and from the congregation of St Mary the Virgin Church.

Mrs Lynne Miskin

Foundation Governor