



# SIR ROBERT HITCHAM CEVAP SCHOOL

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Head Teacher Mrs Julia van Ek



## **Governors' report to the church**

In March 2014 Mrs Taylor moved on to lead a school in Ipswich and Mrs Lauren Moore was Acting Headteacher for the Summer Term. Mrs Julia van Ek took on the role of substantive Headteacher in September, having worked closely with Mrs Moore during the Summer Term.

The School Improvement Plan this year includes the planning of a new Early Years outdoor space, a revision of the curriculum and a new Teaching and Learning Policy. The school PE grant has provided training opportunities and lots of new equipment for the playground. To support parents to help their children with their learning, information sessions and lesson drop-ins have been planned. Teachers are building in more opportunities for parents and carers to join in with activities in lessons. The school governors have participated a variety of monitoring activities to find out more about the way that teachers plan and teach lessons and mark work.

The school is working closely with the Sir Robert Hitcham Trust, Debenham Library Foundation and Debenham Community Swimming Pool to see the realisation of community projects. Building work is due to start in the proposed library space with the aim of completing the library before the end of the Summer Term. Some preliminary site investigations have been carried out on the swimming pool site. The school governors have been working with the different organisations to ensure that the leases and other documentation meets the needs of the school. When all the building work is complete the school site will have a strong community focus hosting the school, pre-school, pool and library.

The school continues to offer pupils the opportunity to participate in a range of activities.

An Activities Day was held at the end of the Summer Term. The children in the winning House had first choice from the range of activities on offer. It was a fabulous opportunity for children to work with pupils and staff from another year group. This event was so successful that it prompted the idea of having a termly whole school event. Just before the end of the Autumn Term, a Christmas day was held where children cooked, made decorations, created music and joined in with drama in order to celebrate and learn about Christmas.

Children are encouraged to be responsible members of their community and to understand how their contribution can make a difference. In the Autumn Term the Year 6 pupils organised a very successful Macmillan Coffee Morning, raising £933.84. The contributions from our Harvest Festival were donated to the Food Bank. The School Council planned fund raising activities for Children in Need in November, raising £365 and they are currently planning for Red Nose Day.

Children have participated in lots of local sporting events, competing against other schools. At the Cross Country competitions and Sports Hall Athletics, the school celebrated significant achievements. The children are a credit to the school when in a competition – working well as a team and showing high standards of behaviour.

In the Spring Term a Careers Event provided pupils with the opportunity to find out more about the world of work. A wide range of visitors came to talk to pupils about their jobs and work experience. Children had the chance to ask why people liked their work and what training they needed. Visitors included a racing car driver, vets, local businesses, people with a range of medical roles and politicians. The aim was that pupils would begin to understand about the wide range of things that they need to consider when choosing a career. It was a privilege to welcome so many parents and members of the community to share their experiences. The pupils had an interesting week and were open to lots of new ideas.