ABBAS AND TEMPLECOMBE PARISH COUNCIL
2018/2019
ANNUAL REPORT FROM THE PARISH

Name of organisation/group

Abbas and Templecombe CE VC Primary School

Highlights of the last year for your organisation/group 2018/2019

Primary education has a natural beginning and end – each year we are trusted by parents to receive their incredibly young children (mostly aged 4) and to nurture and support them as they grow till one day 6 years and 11 months later we say goodbye and trust that we have helped to make these young people ready for their next adventure. For me this is the most exciting element of our work and keeps me hungry to do the best we can for each new group.

Obviously year on year we have highlights and these are contained below:

- Our School Council is really keen to fundraise for others in need both locally and internationally so this year we have supported Children In Need, Macmillan, Comic Relief, Children's Society (Christingle), Save the Children (Christmas Jumper Day), Lords Larder (local Food Bank - Harvest), Royal British Legion (Remembrance) and World Wildlife Fund.
- We took great delight in being involved with Templecombe in Bloom. Many of the children and even some of our parents participated in a range of events and clubs to help rejuvenate our rather wild environmental area into a reflection and sensory garden. This would not have been possible without Eileen and her amazing team – their support continues to this day and it is greatly appreciated by the staff and children at the school.
- The children of Templecombe love to get away and explore further afield so our day visits, linked to our learning, and our residentials for the older pupils, are greatly anticipated and very much enjoyed.

  Residentials:
  - Aged 7-9 years old – 1 night stay at Kilve doing mountain biking, climbing, pond dipping, a muddy stream walk and much more.
  - Aged 9-10 years old – 2 night stay in the New Forest doing raft building, high ropes challenge, tunnelling, Winchester Science Museum and Romsey Rapids fun pool.
  - Aged 10-11 years old – 3 night stay in Bournemouth doing surfing, archery, cave bus, crate stack challenge, clip n climb, high line, Paultons Park and many other amazing things.

  Day visits:
  - Topaz class have taken trips to Bristol to compare urban and rural life, Bovington Tank Museum to learn more about WW1/2 and Longleat to experience animals from around the world.
  - Ruby class have been to the Museum of Taunton to learn about the development of Somerset and visited the 'landmarks' of Templecombe to compare living in our village to living in Paris.
  - Emerald class have taken trips to We the Curious (Bristol Science Museum) to fire their scientific imaginations and to Gore Farm to learn more about nature.
  - Diamond class have been to Trent farm where they explored farming and nature and to Sherborne Old Castle where they imagined living as royalty and learnt more about those that would have lived in a castle like this.
- Our children are fantastic ambassadors for our village and school and no more so than when taking part in sporting competitions – whether we win or lose we always try our hardest and our

good sports. Over the last year we have competed in many competitions with most ran by King Arthurs Secondary School and refereed by their older pupils (sports leaders):
Sports Competitions:

- KS1 Multiskills (King Arthurs)
- Hockey Festival (Sherborne Girls)
- KS2 Netball (King Arthurs)
- Cross County (Sherborne Girls)
- U11 Netball (Leweston)
- KS2 Tag Rugby (King Arthurs)
- KS2 Football (King Arthurs)
- KS2 Sports Hall Athletics (King Arthurs)
- Year 5 Kwik Cricket (South Petherton)

- Our School Council decided this year to create an Eco. Council – this group is in its infancy but it has many enthusiastic members keen to make a difference locally and globally.

Main aims of your organisation/group for the next year 2019/2020

Our new vision statement says this:

- A place of safety and care where everyone is known and loved for who they are.
- A place where teaching and learning challenges us to be the best we can be.
- A place actively following and living out the teachings of Jesus.

And that is exactly what we are going to try and do...

What long term aims does your organisation/group have

To work beyond our school walls, stretching into the community and making a difference in Templecombe.

What additional support could the Parish Council offer (other than direct funding)

Continue to support children and youth projects and to hold our children in your hearts and minds as you make decisions that impact them around this area.

Point of contact for further information.