

Tysoe CE Primary School

Parish Council Report May 2024



The 2023 – 2024 academic year marks my fifth year at Tysoe and it has been both busy and arguably our most successful. The excellent report from our Ofsted inspection in January has been a highlight. The feedback during the inspection and in the report was overwhelmingly positive. The children and staff spoke with such commitment and positivity about our school. We are particularly pleased with the feedback recognising our ambitious curriculum and the outstanding behaviour and attitudes to learning at Tysoe.

Pupil numbers have remained relatively stable. The school remains in a stable financial position and continues to thrive as part of the Fosse Multi Academy Trust family. We have welcomed two new staff members and another school dog, Sadie. Our wonderful school dog, Rex, remains with us as a very valued team member.

Rising costs of transport have been a concern this year, however with the support of funding from Tysoe Utilities and the Friends of Tysoe School, we have been able to continue with a series of trips and visits to enhance the children's learning over the last year. We are always keen to welcome parents, carers and family into school and are grateful for their support for our church services, theme days, World Book Day, our second annual Science Fair (even bigger and better than the inaugural Science Fair!) and our parent information sessions. As always, the staff have maintained high expectations for our children and their learning and we expect to see the children achieve high levels of attainment and progress again this year.

We have started a new project aimed at improving the quality of play for children. OPAL, Outdoor Play and Learning, improves and increases the opportunities for play for children. Through play we believe children have the opportunity to learn and develop, both as individuals and as part of our school community. We have already seen a positive impact for the children and look forward to continuing with the project.

The pupil led Collective Worship Group regularly lead church services and worship. Our KS2 choir performed hymns at the Christmas Service and once again attended the Dementia Café at the Village Hall before Christmas, which was well received as always. Our KS1 choir performed at the Easter Service. It has been lovely to see so many parents, carers and family members joining us for our services.

The Local Governing Committee (LGC) has continued to support and challenge the school and we are looking forward to welcoming a new Foundation Governor shortly. The LGC supported the introduction of wraparound childcare at the school to ensure care for our children with the closure of previous arrangements. There is no funding available to schools for wraparound childcare, however there is an expectation from the Department for Education that schools offer wraparound childcare from 2026 where there is sufficient demand to ensure adequate places for children and working families. We are pleased that we are able to provide this service for our families and staff wraparound childcare with two experienced existing members of staff.

The Friends of Tysoe School have continued their hard work and fundraising this year. They have run several successful fundraising events, including a relaxed rules day (although only one child was brave enough to call me by my first name!) and are busy planning their annual Summer Fair for Saturday 22nd June. This year the Friends have been able to contribute toward the transport costs of trips and visits, fund the renovation of “The Lab” (a new dedicated Science and Design Technology lab space at school), fund updated library books for the school and provide much needed equipment for our OPAL project.

The School Council chose The Wildlife Trust as their chosen charity this year. They planned an art competition to raise money for The Wildlife Trust, invited the charity into school to raise awareness and are holding a stall at the Summer Fair to further raise money and awareness. The School Council were pleased to have continued working with the Parish Council on the campaign for further defibrillators in the village. They were very happy to lend their support and were pleased to receive emails back from those organising.

Fosse MAT continues to support the school and both the Trust leadership and Trustees have been working tirelessly to find a solution to the building issues at Tysoe. We were pleased to have the support of the Parish Council, District Councillors and our MP, when applying for funding to repair the bell tower and gable wall at school. We hope to have funding secured and planning consent applied for soon.

It has been a privilege for me to lead such a dedicated staff team and wonderful school of children through another successful year of growing and learning. We continue to live by our school vision;

‘Nurturing hearts, serving with love, growing minds’

as we provide a safe and inclusive school to celebrate the many different talents of our children.

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