

Bishop Winnington-Ingram C of E Primary School Review of 2020

Last year saw the whole school community needing to continuously adapt to meet the changing restrictions brought about by the global Covid pandemic. Throughout lockdown BWI remained open for Key Worker and vulnerable children, and they quickly adapted to the new 'normal' at school. When lockdown finally eased in September it was wonderful to see all the children return to school, albeit in their class/year group bubbles.

In July 2020 Gill Westbrook retired as headteacher, having worked at the school since 1993. A socially distanced special assembly was held in the back playground to thank Gill for everything she had done during her twenty seven years at BWI.

During the summer holidays and autumn term much work was carried out across the school, including adapting the two Year 5 classrooms into a staffroom and a PPA room, moving the library back to its original location, and re-decoration of the main school corridor. In addition, the former Site Manager's house was refurbished with the hope of it being placed on the rental market, thereby generating income for the school.

Throughout the restrictions, our links to St Martin's remained strong with Fr Simon recording a weekly Collective Worship for us. The Worships were watched by every class within the school, which bought us together as a school community at a time when we were all required to keep apart.

During 2020 we obtained a set of new Chromebooks for the children to use during their IT lessons, and fifteen existing computers were converted to Neverware devices for use in each of the classrooms.

In December we were fortunate to receive funding from the Diocese of London to host Covid secure Thomas Trilby Christmas Shows for some of the children. It was great to finish the year with an event in the school hall that bought joy to the children.

This APCM report provides a brief look at what took place during 2020, and I would encourage you to visit our school website: www.bwi.org.uk for up-to-date information to see what we continue to do here for our children at BWI.

Mrs R Blake Headteacher