

# Report prepared for Parish Council Meeting 17.4.23

## Normanby by Spital and Owmbly by Spital Parishes

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Since the last annual parish council meeting, the Ofsted report for the March 2022 inspection has been published on the Ofsted website. This can be read in full on the following link <https://reports.ofsted.gov.uk/provider/21/120468>

**The inspectors confirmed in their report that Normanby-by-Spital Primary School continues to be a 'good' school**

I would like to thank all those who took part in the inspection; school and federation staff, governors, parents, community and pupils alike. The process was very detailed and rigorous and I am very delighted that the outcome truly reflects the dedication and shared expertise of all those involved. We are proud of the positive comments in this report.

We are very pleased that the hard work undertaken by all in the school community has been recognised, including the systems we have in place, the reflective and driven nature of staff/governors, the commitment of the pupils and the genuine good regard that all stakeholders have towards our wonderful little school.

The report highlights the many elements of good provision at Normanby-by- Spital Primary School. The inspection team shared the next steps needed to take the school forward; we were delighted as these reflect the target already identified in our school development plan.

I am especially proud of this outcome, as all this has been achieved in a challenging set of circumstances. Not only have we worked progressively on our previous inspection targets (2016), we have also made significant curriculum changes as required by the new Ofsted framework. In addition, I am proud of the way we have all faced the challenges of a global pandemic in the last two/three years- especially our pupils, who have amazed us with their resilience.

This achievement is a positive reflection on everyone involved in teaching and learning at Normanby-by-Spital Primary School.

### **Community News**

The school seeks active links with the community and some very positive steps have been taken to increase this involvement. Examples below:

- We now have a community reading volunteer who attends weekly to listen to children read. This is of great value in supporting pupils to develop their reading fluency and comprehension.
- Teacher led races and competitions were held at the Community Park event in September 2022, including bubble fun for younger members of the villages and surrounding area.
- Participation in the annual scarecrow event – last year we recreated the ‘Bake-off’ tent at the front of school
- National events – we celebrated the Queen’s Jubilee and decorated the school exterior for this event. We will also decorate the outside of school for the King’s coronation. Pupils will celebrate with a party.
- We have an active and supportive Friends of School Committee who help organise fun and fundraising events for pupils. Recent initiatives have helped support the purchases of a significant number of science resources. There has been an end of term film night, a pantomime trip (Broadbent Theatre, Wickenby), a Christmas Wreath Workshop, Christmas Raffle, the purchasing of a selection of library books and next term they are holding a ‘design a crown’ competition for the King’s coronation. They also help to stock the weekly tuck shop for pupils. This committee are always thinking of ways to support the school
- We have monthly visits from Methodist church representatives – Jenny and Peter. Our pupils look forward to these visits. Their assemblies are always interactive and end with a song!
- We held our Harvest and Easter Assemblies at Owmbury Church
- We attended the Remembrance Day Memorial Event in Normanby in November. The children read poems and the names from the cenotaph.

### **Future plans**

The school would be happy to create an Easter trail next year - if this is something the village would like to do.

We are linking with the Community Park Committee to take part in growing and planting wildflowers in the park. The Committee are kindly supplying the seeds. As part of our school values, we regularly remind the children about looking after their community and this initiative gives them a great opportunity to be involved and take pride in the local area.

### **Parking and Main Road Safety**

The school has limited parking for staff. Of course, car parks were not thought of in Victorian times! There are not enough spaces for the number of staff, visitors and student teachers. When the school car park is full, we do advise parking away from the school and to avoid the narrower sections of the roadway. As there are no restrictions (other than outside school), staff and visitors do their best to park safely in the vicinity.

The school has invested in road safety training for all pupils. They are also offered bike ability training in upper key stage 2. We are aware of the narrow entrance to school, directly onto the road, so we identified this safety training as a precaution and also ask parents to carefully supervise pupils as they arrive and leave the school site.

We have also invested in signs which are located outside school; to ask drivers to slow down as they drive through the village. We hope this is beneficial to all residents.

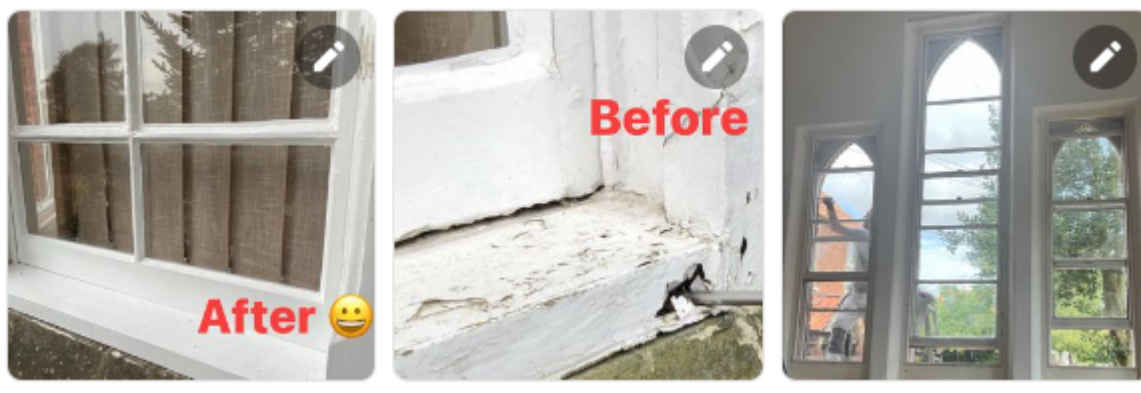
### **School maintenance, refurbishment and restoration.**

We are very proud of our Victorian building. Despite struggling school budgets, Governors and leaders have prioritised key areas of development. We want the building to be cared for and preserved for future generations. Areas improved this year are listed below

**The library has been decorated and updated with new blinds and carpets. The furniture is new and we have invested over £3000 in new books.**



## School Window restoration – Summer 22



## Hall floor refurbishment - It shines!



## Road Safety Signs



### School Curriculum and more...

The Ofsted Report (2022) outlines the quality of our curriculum progression for our pupils. In addition to the good levels of teaching and learning, we provide many enrichment opportunities which complement the learning that takes place and supports the wider teaching around school values. Examples below from 2022/23 so far –

- School trips to Heckington Windmill, Lincoln Cathedral and Rand Farm (to celebrate Lincolnshire Day) have taken place. The trip to Rand Farm was a joint trip with pupils from Faldingworth School. We saw some local animal breeds and took part in fruits and cheese tasting (local produce). This term, one class will be visiting Creswell Craggs at Worksop. This includes caves, a gorge and a museum visit.
- Older pupil experience a school residential. The last trip (22) was to Peak Venture, Derbyshire.
- A visit from the Bug Lady – an animal experience for Halloween!
- A science week – with live online lessons and in class experiments and investigations.
- Inter school sports at Louth, Mkt Rasen and Caistor (including football, tag rugby and cross country running).
- In addition to our long term planned PE lessons, we have also introduced pupils to fencing, balance bikes and boxercise.
- After school clubs are mainly run voluntarily by staff and parents – this year the children have been offered street dance, craft club, Finnish Skittle club, cheerleading, film club, Lego club, mindfulness club and lots more.
- Pupil in years 3,4,5 are offered swimming annually. The standard is to reach 25m in a range of strokes. We go to Wragby swimming pool.

- We link with the Stay Safe Partnership within LCC to work with expert visitors. This year we have taken part in the NSPCC stay safe campaign, online safety workshops, road safety workshops, friendship and relationship workshops and diversity workshops.

### **Facebook**

We have an active Facebook page. If you want to find out more about school life, please follow our page for regular updates. We also have a school website.

### **Busy Bees Pre school**

We currently have places for 3 to 4 year olds in our onsite preschool.

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Visits to the school are welcome by arrangement.

If anyone has a comment or a query about school life, please do get in touch. The main office is open mornings only.

Please let us know if there is anything else you would like to be included in the next report. Thank you

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