



School Report



At the time of writing (August 2008), most teachers are beginning to consider and plan for the autumn term and are thinking as far ahead as Christmas! In this sense, the events of the summer term are quickly becoming a distant memory. This habit of looking ahead does rather seem to make time, and particularly the school year, fly by. Perhaps a reflection of the events that occurred during the summer term will help to put the brakes on this!

As always, we had a very busy summer term at Goxhill Primary School with a wide variety of events crammed into a very short amount of time.

One of the highlights of the term was the school's Summer Fayre. After an initial poor forecast, we were grateful to have decent weather; indeed the sunshine created a lovely, summery atmosphere. We would like to thank all staff, parents, helpers and volunteers for their assistance on the day – a grand total of £1200 was raised which will be used to support curriculum enrichment activities for the pupils.

Towards the end of the term, Year 6 pupils took part in a graduation evening. The children sang songs, read poems and acted out short plays about their memories of school. Mike Gathercole (Chair of Governors) presented all pupils with a dictionary as a memento of their time at Goxhill. The evening was well attended

and enjoyed by all concerned.

OfSTED paid us a visit at the beginning of July. The inspection was very successful in that the lead inspector found the school to be 'good with many outstanding features'. A full copy of the extremely positive report can be viewed via the link on our school website www.goxhill.ik.org

During the summer term, all year groups took part in educational visits. Destinations have included museums, stately homes, and adventure parks. These visits provide an excellent educational opportunity for the children, often giving them first hand experience of subjects taught in the classroom, as well as providing an enjoyable day out.

In the middle of June, Year 6 prepared to finish their time with us in a fitting way with a week-long residential trip. In an action-packed week, pupils took part in activities such as bowling, swimming, taking a guided tour of a coal mine, shelter building and orienteering. All of these activities (as well as a variety of others that were crammed into the week) were thoroughly enjoyed by both pupils and staff. We hope that the children have caught up on their sleep and are ready for the exciting new experiences that secondary school will bring.

Thanks to a very able and committed staff led by Clare Robinson our affiliated Out of School Club is still very popular. As well as providing child care from 3.30pm to 6pm each evening the club runs a breakfast session from 7.55am to 8.55am.

At the end of the present academic year, we look forward to an exciting new term at school. As all pupils move into their new year groups, we always have in mind our future pupils. If you have a pre-school child over 6 months old who, as yet, is not registered with us we would be delighted if you could contact the school office by telephone on 530743, by e-mail on head.goxhillprimary@northlincs.gov.uk or via our website: www.goxhill.ik.org

Another major task for the autumn term is the appointment of a new head teacher. The current Head is leaving at Christmas to take up a promotion at one of the largest primary schools in the region. Governors hope that the managerial change will enable Goxhill School to enter a new era after the recent glowing OfSTED inspection. However at the time of writing there is a severe national shortage of head teachers with many schools receiving no applications for vacant posts. Everyone is keeping their fingers crossed that Goxhill School will be able to attract at least a few willing victims.

We would like to thank the local community for the ongoing support and help it gives to our village school. The staff, pupils and governors of Goxhill Primary School hope that you all had a glorious and happy summer!

Andrew Jackson
(Head teacher)