

# Marshfield CE VC Primary



**'Proud to be me; inspired to be better'**

September 2010

Our vision:

‘At Marshfield Primary School we are constantly striving for excellence in all that we do by setting high expectations and working together as a community to provide a happy, secure and stimulating environment where children are motivated to learn, are valued as individuals and enriched by an experience that enables them to thrive in tomorrow's world.’

We are helped to realise our vision by our enthusiastic and hardworking staff, interested and supportive parents, carers and governors and, most importantly, happy children who enjoy learning. We are proud of our school's caring and friendly atmosphere as well as its high academic expectations. Our latest OFsted report (Jan 08) judged the school to be good with outstanding features. A link to the OFsted and Church of England Reports can be found via our school website:

[www.marshfieldprimary.ik.org](http://www.marshfieldprimary.ik.org). Our ethos supports the government guidance in 'Every Child Matters' and as a Church of England School, our values are based on Christian beliefs.

The school is fortunate to enjoy a new building and spacious grounds. Its unique design reflects the conservation status of the village with natural materials used throughout the building. It houses 6 classrooms with adjoining practical bays, a library and ICT suite, hall and a children's kitchen. All the classrooms open onto the playground which benefits from an amphitheatre, infant and junior agility trails, conservation and pond area, and a large field.

We currently have 169 pupils, aged between four and eleven years of age, split between 6 classes. The teaching structure of the school is straight year groups in foundation, year 1 and year 2, a year 3/4 class, a year 4/5 and a year 5/6 class.

The school provides an inclusive and creative curriculum in which all children are able to thrive.

An example of our enrichment activities is our annual multicultural week in which the children have the opportunity to engage in a variety of art forms whilst learning about different cultures and exploring their values, feelings and attitudes towards these. We also enjoy sports week, book week, subject days, Eco-day, European day and charity days. The teachers and sports coaches also offer a range of after school and lunchtime clubs including cookery, drama, multisport, gymnastics, tag rugby, art and football.

In order to further improve the progress of all pupils, the school has a robust system of tracking the progress of each child in literacy and numeracy against personal targets which reflect their individual potential. Pupils identified as not making sufficient progress are given extra support in small groups.

Pupils' achievements both in and out of school are celebrated in the weekly Merit Assembly when the pupils and teachers also nominate a person to receive the Citizenship Cup. Pupils are nominated who have demonstrated the school's values in everyday life. Each term Collective Worship is based on a different Christian value.

The school has strong links with the community, encouraging members of the community into the school and pupils to participate in community activities. For example, the children perform Maypole dances at the May Fair, take part in the Christmas Village Concert and support the village's Pappa Fund which raises monies for a school in India and members of the community regularly contribute to assemblies. The school benefits from a very active and supportive PTA which raises over £6000 per annum and it has a very popular after school club.

With the support of the community, we have obtained planning permission for a wind turbine that has the potential to generate all of the school's electricity. This is part of the school's commitment to sustainability reflected in our Eco-school status. Music is another strength of the school and we benefit from a dedicated music teacher who teaches music throughout the school, a school orchestra, infant and junior choirs.

We also offer individual and group lessons in a number of different instruments and organise a wide range of musical events in which all children have the opportunity to participate, including productions, concerts and listening to live symphony orchestras.

The school has 'Activemark' status, recognising the large number of different sports that are taught, that all the pupils have two hours dedicated PE time each week and the links with the community.

We also have Healthy School status recognising our commitment to healthy lifestyles and the Every Child Matters Agenda. Pupil safety is very important to us and we run Cycling Proficiency training for all junior age children as well as regular assemblies on road safety.

Kay Pettifer

If you would like to learn more about the school please visit our website at:

<http://www.marshfieldprimary.ik.org/>

Telephone: 01225 891246.

We always welcome feedback.