

Thornborough Infant School

As you probably know I am leaving the school at the end of term. I am very sad to be going because Thornborough School and Thornborough Village are a wonderful place to work. However, it is time for me to move on and I am delighted that we have a new headteacher Miss Olivia Quirke taking over in September. Olivia shares my passion for small schools and we both agree they provide the best start for formal education.

Small schools are constantly under threat and all of us have had our already tight budgets cut again. Our budget for 18/19 is down by £30,000 while some other local small schools have lost as much as £70,000. Under the Governments new funding formula for schools it looks as if there will be further cuts next year. Fortunately our school has a brilliant financial manager (our school secretary) who has enabled us to set a balanced budget for the coming year. This does mean though, that we have to rely on fundraising to purchase equipment and resources for the school.

I would like to say thank you to all the villagers who have supported the school and made it such a lovely place to work. There are some amazing people in Thornborough who have given and continue to give their time, help and support to the school. We really appreciate them and their support helps give the school its warm family atmosphere making the school very much a part of the community.

The school continues to provide an outstanding education for its pupils enabling them to achieve exceedingly well both personally and academically. As an example, Thornborough School is in the top 3% of all primary schools in the Country for achievement in phonics which underpins attainment in reading.

Yours Sincerely

Biddy Howard

Headteacher