

## **Wychwood C.E. Primary School**

Two things have dominated the scene at Wychwood School recently – finance and our new Nursery Class.

The financial situation is bad for all schools in the county and we have suffered from another cut in our budget (this year 2.5%) like everyone else. However we do not have to lose any staff or make class sizes any larger. The classes of the younger children should all be well below 30 in September and those of the older children just above 30.

We have, however, had to cut back on expenditure on every other aspect of school life. The great news is that our nursery building is finished and our nursery class is open!! We have appointed two new members of staff – Judith White is the Nursery Teacher and Helen Williamson is the Nursery Nurse. We have a wide range of resources to go with our brand new buildings and even have some children attending now!

The catchment area for the nursery is wider than that of the school and further details can be obtained from school. If you want to know more – or come and have a look – please contact us. It is really great that this addition to the educational provision for the younger children in the wider Wychwood area is now up and running.

Children in school have been busy with their lessons and activities in the classroom but they have all been 'out and about' as well. The youngest children have visited the Wild Garden in Shipton and been to the Adams' farm to see the young animals. The next two groups spent a very informative and enjoyable day at Pitt Rivers Museum in Oxford.

Most of the oldest children spent a residential week in North Wales – working hard and enjoying themselves at a wide range of activities including going underground to an old slate cavern, underground to a modern power station and orienteering as well as mountain climbing. They returned tired but very happy, as did the five members of staff who accompanied them.

We are now looking forward to the rest of the summer term using the spacious field as often as the weather will allow and getting our swimming pool into full working order.

If you haven't used it yet – we have a paper bank at school now and would appreciate you using it. The profits go to school funds!!

Geoff Padmore Head Teacher.