

## Wychwood (C.E.) School News

Everyone at Wychwood Primary School values the support we get from our local community. Sometimes this has financial benefits; recently we have received donations from Shipton PCC, Milton PCC, Milton Mothers Union and Milton Parish Council towards our Environment Week and Milton Parish also made a donation towards our recent swimming pool changing room and pool area repair work.



### Groves Save Our Maypole!

We also receive help on a practical note. Our Summer Fete this year was spoilt by the weather and our Year 6 and Foundation Stage children who had been practising their Maypole dancing were unable to perform. Not to let this practice go to waste we decided to invite parents along on the following Friday to see them dance. Setting up at 2pm the maypole was knocked over and broke in half! Taping it up was our first thought but we realised this would not be strong enough for a 15 foot pole. I telephoned Alfred Groves and was grateful Karen Perry answered, being a past parent of the school she realised the predicament we were in. Within ten minutes Jan and Emily from the wood shop came and inspected the damage, went back to get the materials required and just as parents started to arrive we were putting the Maypole back safely in its place ready for the dancing to begin. We were so

grateful for their help. We also need members from the community on our Governing Body. Jane McWilliam is stepping down after five years and we hope that her article on Page 59 will encourage someone from our local community to join us as a replacement.

### Contributing to School Life

We would like to thank Kim Duckworth and Chris Williams, who are also stepping down as Parent Governors, for all their support.

We are starting our 'Swim to France' sponsored swim where all children in the school will be taking part by swimming lengths to total the full distance of 34,000m. The sponsor money collected will be going towards the upkeep of our school swimming pool. Our pool is a great asset to the school, initially built after a big fundraising campaign led by parents and it is parents who have kept it running and carried out improvements over the years. We would like to thank everyone who has had input into the running and maintaining of the school pool, past and present.

We have said goodbye to our Year 6 children who are moving to Secondary School. Mrs Wozencroft and Miss Forester are also leaving us and we wish them all the best for the future and thank them for their contributions to life at Wychwood Primary School.

**Julie Hemming**