

Flax Bourton Primary School Up-date

1. As most of you know, Flax Bourton Primary School is a Church of England Voluntary Controlled School, which comes within the Diocese of Bath and Wells. The school serves not only Flax Bourton but also the villages of Barrow Gurney and Failand, neither of which has its own school. Pupils also come from Backwell, Long Ashton and South Bristol.
2. This year pupil numbers stand at 93; slightly down on the previous year.
3. During May 2010 the school was inspected by Ofsted and received an overall 'good' score, with an outstanding for the way pupils contribute to the school and the wider community. It is hoped that the school can improve on this performance at the next Ofsted inspection.
4. Also, in June 2010 the school received a Statutory Inspection of Anglican Schools, the aim of which is to monitor the pupils' spiritual as well as academic knowledge and understanding, and the effectiveness of the school in the way it meets the learning needs of all pupils, together with the leadership and management of the school. Again, the school received a 'good' score.
5. The school recently had a new front gate and security system fitted, and a health & safety inspection revealed that further lighting is required to the front car park and will be funded by the Local Authority.
6. The school is also hoping to obtain funding for a flashing 20 mph warning sign on the approach road to the school as well as improved signage to indicate the entrance to the school more clearly.
7. Meetings have also taken place with the Local Authority, the school and the Parent Teachers' Association in connection with the provision of a school crossing officer (lollipop person). The Local Authority are unable to provide such a person on their existing budget, so the school is looking for volunteers to perform this duty for 45 minutes in the morning and 45 minutes in the afternoon. All necessary training, equipment and clothing will be provided by the Local Authority. If anyone is interested, please contact the school office; Tel.: (01275) 464468.