



## Hope Federation of Church of England Primary Academies

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## East Rudham Parish Council report- Rudham Church of England Primary Academy.

Over the last academic year the school has had an extremely exciting time.

In March 2023, we took a group of children from Years 5 and 6 to France for an overseas residential. The children were joined by their peers from our Federated schools (Brisley and Weasenham).

We had the most amazing time- visiting the landing beaches in Arromanches, Bayeux, Disneyland Paris as well as staying in a chateau for 3 nights, enjoying the French culture and visiting the local area. This was the first time that the children from Brisley had been able to experience an overseas residential. It has been part of the Brisley/Weasenham visits for nearly 20 years. We have booked to go again in March 2025.

Our Year 3/4 children spent a night away at Hilltop residential centre last year and have our current Year 3/4 children have just returned from a 2 night stay again. They also went with the children from Brisley for this visit and all children had the most amazing time.

As you will be aware, Rudham is part of Hope Federation which was a 3 school federation, however at the end of the last term Weasenham school merged with Brisley. This was due to drop in pupil numbers at Weasenham. I am pleased to say that 10 children joined Brisley from Weasenham and 2 joined Rudham.

We continue to think about the education and curriculum we offer the children. Working as part of a Federation means that we are able to join forces for educational visits, children make new friends beyond their school community, staff can plan and support each other and staff feel supported.

Rudham is supported by our relatively, newly formed Parent/Teacher Association. Our PTA support funding of some school trips, including the pantomime, visitors in school; for example our EYFS/KS1 children had a planetarium visit to enhance their learning about space. Our PTA are forward thinking and constantly looking at ways to enhance the provision we have on offer at Rudham.

We are also very pleased that we have been able to grow our own talent. We have had a teacher successfully complete their Early Career Teacher training. We are very proud of the hard work that the whole staff team put in to making school a place where our children feel supported and happy.

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