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Thank you for inviting me to attend this years Parish Assembly. It has been another busy year at Hauxton Primary School as we strive to be the best we can be.

Pupil numbers continue to grow. We currently have 88 pupils but that is projected to increase to 94 in September. This figure only includes pupils arriving into Kingfishers which is our Reception/Year One class. As we have had enquiries from people wishing to place children in other year groups we anticipate a further rise during the next academic year.

This year we have expanded the extra-curricular activities on offer. Pupils have taken part in multi-sports, hockey, tennis, netball, Zumba , gym , magic club and drama. Our football and running clubs continue to go from strength to strength and we would like to take this opportunity to thank the community for driving so considerately when they see our runners out and about on a Friday morning. The change to our arrival routine also provides an additional opportunity for our pupils to be active. We now start the day with an optional five minute exercise activity set to music in the hall. Approximately three quarters of our pupils participate in at least three sessions a week with other pupils opting to come in and use the time to read before school.

There are additional enrichment opportunities during the school day. Thanks to a project sponsored by the Italian Embassy all our pupils have an Italian lesson each week from a native speaker. Our Key Stage Two pupils (formerly referred to as juniors) all learn the clarinet and we are lucky enough to have access to a pool and wonderful spacious grounds. This term, during our annual Happy and Healthy Week, our eldest pupils will be having first aid lessons. Earlier this year, we held a Shakespeare Week with pupils participating in recitation and handwriting competitions, honing their dramatic skills in acting workshops and dressing up as their favourite Shakespeare character or a Tudor. We have also established a School Council.

The School Council comprises of pupils from each class. The pupils stood for election in September following some tips from Councillor Janet Lockwood about preparing their manifestoes. They meet each half term with the Headteacher to discuss school related matters. They assisted with the redrafting of the school behaviour policy, decided how many and which charitable concerns the school should support this year and will be organising an event after half term to raise funds for homeless charities. The School Council is an opportunity for the pupils to see democracy in action and to gain new skills.

Funding continues to be a concern and we would like to say thank you to all the people that signed our petition or contacted their MP on our behalf. In 2015, my predecessor wrote, " we await the outcome of the General Election." In 2017, we find ourselves in the same situation.

We continue to work with our neighbouring or cluster primary and secondary schools to improve outcomes for pupils across South Cambridgeshire. Fortunately Allyance, our cluster counselling service, is still able to offer support for pupils and families who are at risk of developing mental health problems. As part of that support our older pupils attended a careers event at Anglia Ruskin University where they met with students, found out more about university life and spoke to representatives from local companies about a range of jobs. We will be holding a wellbeing conference for pupils and a parenting information evening in the next academic year.

We are in the process of finalising arrangements for our summer production in the next half term and look forward to welcoming many of you to the school to see it.

Mrs Emma Stevens
Headteacher