



SCHOOL STAFF LIST



Headteacher: Mrs Heather Rattenberry



Mrs Heather Rattenberry has been a teacher for 30 years (teaching the entire Primary age range) in Nottinghamshire and Nottingham City. This is her second headship. Mrs Rattenberry is a Facilitator for the National College of School Leadership, a Leading Literacy teacher and this year becomes a Local Leader in Education. Over the four years at Lowdham C of E Primary, the school has thrived and made great progress. Mrs Rattenberry works closely with the Diocese and is an elected member of the Diocesan Board of Education. In this role she visited South Africa in 2011 and made a link with St David's, Natal, which contributed to our achievement of the International School Award 2011 - 2014. She continues to teach each week and is the school's Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator.

Assistant Head: Dr Debbie Grey



Dr Debbie Grey is our very experienced Year 6 teacher. Over her six years working with this age group results of have been consistently above national expectations with many children exceeding their targets. She is also an Advanced Skills Teacher, which means that she is deployed by the Local Authority on one day each week to support teachers in other schools. Mrs Grey is a Leading Maths Teacher and is a great asset to our staff as Maths Co-ordinator and an exemplary role model.

Assistant Head: Mrs Helen Westbury



Mrs Helen Westbury has been at the school for many years and teaches in Year 2. Children in her class make great progress and again at this statutory assessment point the school consistently achieves above national expectations. Mrs Westbury has worked for some time with Nottingham Trent University to develop TRAWL (Teaching Reading and Writing Links). As a Leading Literacy Teacher she has led sessions for the Local Authority to promote TRAWL and to share her good practice with other teachers. She is the school's Literacy Co-ordinator.

Our School Improvement Partner writes: *'Lowdham is an outstanding Church of England school with strong and effective links to the church and the wider local community. It is well led by a thoughtful and visionary head teacher supported by two excellent assistant heads. The quality of teaching in the school ensures that pupils attain well and make excellent progress. There are many opportunities for pupils to develop and achieve across a wide range of activities.'*

'The head teacher has shown outstanding leadership. She has been very effective in sourcing funding and ensuring that the physical and spiritual resources of the school have been improved. She has maintained good relationships with stakeholders, including parents and children and the Friends of Lowdham School. She has managed the staff well and ensured that provision for pupils has been excellent and that pupils at the school continue to make good progress and attain highly. She has ensured that levels of pupils' attainment and progress remain high and in the top 10% of schools in Nottinghamshire.'

In Foundation: Mrs McNichol has taught this age group both here and at the much respected Pierrepont Gamston School. She is a dedicated and experienced teacher with an MA in Special Educational Needs. Mrs Greaves has a lot of experience and shares the teaching of our Foundation children. In the last year she has trained for Fronter helping staff to learn new ICT skills. Currently Mrs Greaves leads our Art curriculum.

The Foundation Stage admits children in the September of the year in which they are five and is supported by a full time Teaching Assistant, Mrs Silverwood.

Mrs Cumberlidge teaches in Key Stage One, but also throughout school for Music. We are very fortunate to have such an accomplished musician, who heads up our three productions each year and leads the school choir. We have won the Cornerhouse Choir competition under her direction and participated in the National 'Sing Up' campaign.

Mrs Horner also teaches throughout school. She is a qualified as a coach in a number of sports and leads PE. The school has won the Gedling Olympics and regularly participates in sports' competitions. She has initiated a 'house' system and work with the Junior Sports' leaders to organize competitions in school.

Miss Spurry teaches in Key Stage 2. She is our computer expert. She has worked very hard to transform our teaching of ICT by buying new equipment and ensuring that we are all confident in its use. After a year of using Fronter the Local Authority informed us that our school had used this Managed Learning Environment more than any other school in Nottinghamshire. Miss Spurry has a special interest in drama, which has supported our Creative Curriculum. She is also our Staff Governor.

Mrs Hart is very experienced, having taught throughout the whole Primary age range. She played a major role in helping to re-organise our Science curriculum, headed up the original Eco Flag Award (developing our school garden and Conservation Area) and gives a strong lead to our involvement in Cricket - we won the Chance to Shine trophy on two consecutive years. As a versatile member of staff she has led MFL and now leads Design & Technology in addition to Science.

Mrs Burrows completes the teaching staff team at Key Stage 2. She leads R.E. in our Church Aided School and has a strong influence on our Ethos. She supported the school in its application for the Church School Awards 2011 when we were regional finalists. Currently she is training on the Middle Leadership Development Programme with the National College of School Leadership. She has been a lead Creative Partnerships' teacher and is our Modern Foreign Languages leader; in this role she spent a week in a French school in 2011.

The Teaching Assistants in our school are extremely talented, leading PSHE, managing our After School Club, First Aid, Playground Friends, many intervention programmes and supporting all our initiatives. We are very fortunate to have such an able team. All staff enjoy opportunities for continued professional development at INSET Days and staff meetings. We meet together on a Monday morning for 'Briefing' to ensure that we are aware of any children who may need special help in the week ahead.