

Chidham Parochial Primary School is celebrating its 100th anniversary on the present site.

The first Chidham Primary School was founded in 1846 by the Rev G Walker; it is now a private home known as 'Belfry Cottage'. The school moved to the present building in September 1910.

AN EXHIBITION is being organised to mark the centenary. This will feature archive photographs and work which the children will be producing as they seek to tell the story of the school during the past hundred years.

The exhibition will be open to the public on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> July from 10.30am to 2.00pm. This will be followed by a special reunion event for past staff and pupils from 2.00pm until 5.00pm. Anyone who would like to attend is asked to contact the school so that we can send more details about the event. Please telephone the school 01243 572380.

The school would be delighted to receive any information, photographs or memorabilia that relate to the history of the school which could be loaned and included in the exhibition. It is our ambition to build a video record of 'school memories' and we would especially like to interview anyone who would be prepared to tell us their story.

Admission to the exhibition will be free and tea, coffee and cakes will be on sale.

Our celebrations will continue into the Autumn Term as we mark the first day at the new school which is noted in the school log book on the 26<sup>th</sup> September 1910.

We are planning an 'Edwardian' day during which there will be a special visit from the Bishop of Horsham who will lead a short service of thanks and will unveil a sculpture

which has been specially commissioned to mark the occasion.

The original two roomed school was opened on 26<sup>th</sup> September 1910 and the school was extended in 1934 to provide two further classrooms.

The school has evolved and moved ahead with the times and in recent years the school has again expanded with the addition of a new class room in 2000 and a new sports hall which was opened in 2006. The school has also developed a large new outdoor play area.

The most recent plan, to coincide with the 100 years celebration, is to be the refurbishment of the school library area.

We have moved a long way from the slates which were used to write on, the open fires and outdoor water pump of 1910.