

Longworth Primary School Report to the Parish Council

April 2021

Longworth Primary School continues to be a popular village school with 66 children. We have three classes: Fox Class (Reception and Year 1), Hedgehog Class (Year 2, 3 and 4) and Otter Class (Year 5 and 6). In January we merged with Longworth Preschool (Red Squirrels), bringing the number on roll to 93 children. This relationship will ensure that children will enjoy a seamless education from 2 to 11 years.



Our new classroom was completed in July 2020 and Otter Class (Year 5 and 6) have settled in well and it is proving to be an excellent addition to our school.

At Longworth Primary School we (children, staff, volunteers, governors and parents) believe in 'Nurturing Curious Minds'

to deliver the best possible outcomes for our children. Our four core values: be kind, be respectful, persevere and be curious are at the foundation of all we do.



The school, as everyone, have had an unprecedented and tumultuous twelve months, disrupting the education of the children and the lives of many of our families. Staff, parents and children have learnt to become more adaptable: teaching classes via video link and modifying expectations to ensure everyone is surviving. Our parents and carers have been very supportive during this period and our school community has grown much closer. This was reflected in our Parent Survey in November giving the school an overall promoter rating of 70%.

We have had no official testing at the end of key stages due to the pandemic this year nor last year. Our last key stage 2 results in 2019 100% of children achieved the expected level (only achieved by three schools in Oxfordshire). We continue to have high expectations of our children within a broad, balanced and engaging curriculum. We have developed our reading curriculum to ensure all children leave our school with a love of learning along with achieving the expected standard.

Our topic based curriculum focuses high quality texts to enthuse the children in a thematic approach. All children have weekly access to our Forest School which is linked to our topic learning; lots of outdoor learning opportunities and a variety of physical education opportunities. Year 5 and 6 the children are have weekly violin lessons and this term are all learning to gain their cycling proficiency. The well-being of the whole



school community is really important and we have linked with 'Inside Out' who are innovative charity created to improve the well-being of primary school children. We understand that for children to be successful learners they need to be healthy in body and mind.



Lately, school has become more 'normal'. We have been fully opened since Monday, 8th March; we can now have visitors to the school – albeit wearing PPE; and soon we will be considering going on school trips to provide some excellent learning opportunities for our children. Our residential to Youlbury in 2020 (one night – Year 2, 3 and 4) and Kilvrough

Manor (four nights – Year 5 and 6) in 2021 were both sadly cancelled but we are optimistic that the children will have the opportunity to go on these trips in the next academic year.

We all look forward to the next academic year and hope that it will not be as eventful as the previous years but also that it will be as successful.