

Longworth Primary School Report to the Parish Council

Longworth Primary School continues to be a popular village school with 74 children. As we have a small intake of 10 children per year, the Local Authority describes this school as oversubscribed.

Last summer, our Key Stage 2 results were excellent with 100% achieving the expected level 4 in English and Maths and 55% achieving level 5 in both English and Maths. This year, our present Y6s have been working hard and have taken their tests at the beginning of May.

In January, we had many changes at the school. Janice Peacock became the headteacher at St James Primary School in Hanney and Neil Wilson took up the post of headteacher at Longworth Primary School. Mrs Cotton began her maternity leave at the beginning of January and baby Lydia arrived safe and well in February. We were very fortunate to employ Miss Bowerman who is now teaching in class 2 as maternity cover for Mrs Cotton.

Longworth Primary School prides itself on high academic achievement and also a broad and balanced curriculum, utilising the environment and resources we have in our village. We have a number of teachers who are trained in 'forest school' and we embed outdoor learning through our topics. Furthermore, the children enjoy learning through whole school themes including Art Days and most recently a Science Week which included a whole school trip to the Winchester Science Centre.

As there is a constant pressure on funding and budgets, we are very fortunate to be generously supported by the FLS (Friends of Longworth School) and HALF (Hinton and Longworth Educational Fund). This year, they have helped to support school trips, which we believe are a vital part of the children's learning experience and the purchase of new computer equipment – bringing the school technologically up-to-date.