

Longworth Primary School

July 2019

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Message from the Headteacher:

We have had an action packed term 3, with a fantastic performance from Otter Class, a whole school trip to Hill End, Sports Day Morning / Enterprise Afternoon, Tudor Musical Performance, Wantage Museum Trip to name but a few. The children have worked hard and are now due a good rest. It looks as if the weather is set to continue to not disappoint. I hope you all enjoy the summer holidays, keep safe in the sun and water, and I look forward to seeing you all again, refreshed and raring to go in September.

Summer Performance:

I am so proud of Otter Class' marvellous performance of our end of year show: Let the Games Begin. The children sang and acted superbly and showed an immense amount of courage and talent over the three performances. Thank you to all the parents for their help in supporting this event and making sure their children really looked the part. Mrs Willetts, Mrs Jones and the children produced some excellent props. I would like to say a big thank you to Mrs Willetts who tirelessly completed the props at home ready for the performance.

Recent Sports Events:

Friday 16th June Kwik Cricket Tournament : This was an excellent event and great experience for the eight children in Y5 and 6. Our children amazingly achieved second place and lost a competitive final to Buckland Primary School.

Friday 28th June: Mini Olympics at Abingdon Boys' School: Year 5 boys' event.

Friday, 5th July: Ultra Olympics at Faring Community College for Year 2 children.

Great experiences for all the children involved.

Diary Dates:

Up to Christmas

Term dates 2019/2020

Monday 2nd and Tuesday 3rd September 2019:
INSET Day

Autumn Term 1st half - Wednesday 4th September 2019 – Friday 25th October 2019

Autumn Term 2nd half – Monday 4th November 2019 – Thursday 19th December 2019

Monday, 6th January 2020: INSET Day

Spring Term 1st half – Tuesday 7th January 2020 – Friday 14th February 2020

Spring Term 2nd half – Monday 24th February 2019 – Thursday 3rd April 2020

Summer Term 1st half - Monday 20th April 2020 – Friday 22nd May 2020

Summer Term 2nd half – Monday 1st June 2019 – Friday 17th July 2020.

Classroom Teachers 2019/20:

Fox Class: Mrs Johnson and Mrs Thornton

Hedgehog Class: Mrs Thompson and Mrs Lambert

Otter Class: Mrs Cotton and Mr Wilson

Teaching Assistants: Mrs Jones, Mrs Willetts, Mrs Harkin, Miss Winterbourne.

School Trips and Events:

Wednesday, 3rd July: Whole School Trip to Hill End. Children enjoyed a day of den building, capture the flag, team building and cooking food on an open fire all under halcyon skies!

Tuesday, 9th July: Whole School Tudor Project at Oxford Music Centre. An excellent experience and performances by all the children.

Friday, 12th July: Bate Museum Visit. A fantastic opportunity to play instruments, dress up and learn the history of Oxford.

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Key Stage 2 results: We are very proud of our year 6 results which are all well above national average. 100% achieved expected standard in all four subject areas: reading, writing, maths and EGPS. We are particularly proud of this as last year only two schools in Oxfordshire managed this achievement. Further down the school, we also achieved results broadly in line with national in maths and reading in year 2 although writing was below national; 63% passing the phonics check in year 1 and most of the children achieved expected standard in most areas in Reception although writing will be a continued focus next year too. Well done to all the children in the school who have worked hard to improve their learning. However, I would like to reiterate that although the government judges us on these results, we believe in providing a broad, balanced and rich educational experience. This is best summed up in this you tube clip:

<https://youtu.be/-d9YNelomHY>

Sports Day / Enterprise Day: It was great to see so many parents supporting their children at our Sports Day (Morning). It was a really action packed event including, throwing, jumping, sprinting, hurdling, over-and-under, skipping, and of course the ubiquitous egg and spoon race. All the children competed to the best of their ability and Windrush were the winning house. Congratulations to all the children.

In the afternoon the children quickly changed roles from top athletes to budding business stars as they held the Ninth Longworth Enterprise Afternoon. The children raised £153.58 from their stalls. Thank you to all the parents who attended this event. The team with the most profit was Mystery Box Madness (£25.58).

Headteacher for the day parent survey: Thank you for all your views and opinions which were taken by Scott Northover and Gabriel Dixon Relf. They gathered opinion from parents, children and observed lessons.

They led a whole school assembly at the end of the day, sharing their findings about behaviour, homework and break times. All their ideas and the parent input were used at a staff meeting with governors and all staff where we discussed our School Development Plan and the strategic direction of the school in the future.

Longworth School Running Track

At Longworth School we are delighted to have recently installed an all-weather running track to help with our Daily Mile and other sporting activities.

The Daily Mile gets children out of the classroom for fifteen minutes every day to run or jog, at their own pace, with their classmates, making them fitter, healthier, and more able to concentrate in the classroom. The addition of the track means we can continue to do this throughout the year, whatever the weather, and for many years to come.

We would like to say a huge thank you to all those who supported us during our recent fundraising events (to help cover the cost of the track). Our 24hr Running Track Challenge took place on 21st/22nd June. The children and Chair of the School Governors, Stuart Warwick, began the challenge before the end of school on the Friday, and at least one person, often many more, kept the track in use continuously for a 24 hour period. The event concluded with a big finish, by many of the children and myself, at the Summer Fete the following day. Fortunately, the weather was perfect and the challenge proved a great way to engage the community with many children, parents, neighbours of the school and other people in the village lending support to the two events. The track event raised over £1,200 and the fete raised another £1,300. A fantastic effort all round.

Thanks again to all participants, organisers, neighbours, supporters and most importantly everyone who pledged a donation towards these events.



...and finally, I wish you all an extremely enjoyable summer holiday. Thank you all for your support in making this year successful for all the children of Longworth Primary School.