

Long Lane Primary

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our first governance report of 2018 in which we review our activities from the past year and reflect on our effectiveness as a governing board. This report covers: the key issues and challenges tackled during the year, a review of our working arrangements, and our evaluation of the quality of governance.

Key issues and challenges for last year:

Breakfast and After School Club

The Breakfast and After School Club have really taken off and are running smoothly. There are a few spaces available every day in both clubs, if you would like to book a space to your child please get in touch with the school office (office@longlane.w-berks.sch.uk)

Review of our Website

Making sure the school's website is current and up to date with statutory requirements. Looking at revamping the website and making it more appealing to both prospective parents and current parents.

Collaborating with local schools

Head teacher, Chair of Governors and the Business School Manager have all been involved in meeting with local schools and finding ways to collaborate together. It is an ongoing project, which will help all schools bring the community together and help with the financial implications concerning school funding.

Governors review

I would like to welcome our new co-opted governor Edward Barham. Edward is on the Resources Committee and has already made an impact on our Board. The board and staff are working hard to take Long Lane Primary School to an

Upcoming Events

24th January 2018

Full Governing Board Meeting

25th April 2018

Full Governing Board Meeting

11th July 2018

Full Governing Board Meeting

Parents Forum

Monday 19th March

6:00pm – 7:00pm

The agenda items include:

- Internet Safety
- Sweets for birthdays
- CCTV footage.

If you would like to have any other items covered please send them to the school office by Friday 9th March.

We are looking for a Co-Opted Governor to join our board. Please do come forth if you would like information regarding the post.

outstanding school.

During Term One the Governing Board and Resources Committee met twice, and the Operations Committee once.

Four governors have attended training sessions run by the Local Authority; this included understanding the role of the Governor, Safeguarding, Head Teachers Appraisal, Effective Financial Management and Understanding Finance, Leadership Forum and OFSTED.

Three governors have visited the school this term to undertake monitoring activities, which have included Safeguarding, Pupil Voice and introducing themselves as the Link Governor to their class.

We loved handing out Parent Views questionnaire's and having the opportunity to speak and meet parents at the parent-teacher meetings. I have included the feedback from parents on the next page.

During Term Two, Governors conducted the Performance Management process for the Head teacher with the School Improvement Adviser. This is one of our statutory responsibilities.

Our school website holds a wealth of information that will be of use to you. In addition, more information about the Governing Board, including our roles can be found within the 'Governors & Policies' section on our school website so please do take a look! <http://www.longlane.w-berks.sch.uk>

Kindest regards,

Shirley Wilkinson
Chair of Governors

Words from our Governor's

As staff governor I am able to share ideas and opinions from the staff's point of view. It is very interesting to see the school from both sides in my role as a teacher and as a governor. It is also important to ensure the staff and governors are working together effectively.

Tom Hunt

This academic year my link class is Year 4 with Mrs Rushent and I was thoroughly impressed with the learning environment during my visit at the end of the autumn term. Being a fellow musician, I particularly enjoyed the Tudor music piece and I can see the inspirational impact, Mrs Rushent, is having on the children. I have now been a governor at Long Lane for just over one academic year and in this role, I have now taken on the responsibly of Chair of Resources. With education funding continuing to be a challenge, it is the purpose of the Resources Committee to ensure that the school continues to flourish with the funding it receives. We fully appreciate the efforts of all the staff at Long Lane and can continue to see the hugely positive impact they are having on the children. Although it is a long way off I am particularly looking forward to the annual sports day of which I was there to observe last summer on the hottest day of the year. The children competed well in challenging conditions and there was a great atmosphere on the day. It is a truly wonderful whole school event and being a PE Teacher outside of this role, I am really looking forward to being involved with it again.

James Mortimore

I joined as a governor towards the end of 2017 when my wife and I moved to the area from London. I am a Royal Naval officer with 14 years' experience, and an unusual skillset; both flying in the Fleet Air Arm, and practicing as a barrister in criminal, and international law. Whilst I have not worked in the education sector, my varied background in leadership, project management, finance, and business allows me to bring an external perspective to the governing board. I look forward to working for the pupils and parents, and look forward to meeting you.

Edward Barham

Feedback from Parents

I would like to share with you the feedback we received from the Long Lane Parents about our school. We were very happy to read all the comments, which were passed on, to every staff member at our school. Together we create a happy caring environment, which will make our pupils strive to be the best they can be.

Both children are very happy at school. I am very pleased with their progress and very happy we have them placed here.

No issues at present.

Really pleased with how well my child has settled in and it's so lovely how welcome the YR6 pupils have made her feel.

I am really pleased with my children's progress so far this year. They both really enjoy school.

My child enjoys coming to school and all that goes with it.

We are happy with our children progress and support from the school. Thank you.

Staff are kind, considerate and empathetic to my child's additional needs.

'Autumn' homework has been set quite late in the season (bug hunt last year) and signs of autumn this year when there was less to talk about than even a few weeks prior.

Both my children love it here. Can we have the Christmas Fair on Saturday next year?

My child enjoys school and looks forward to school every day. The school is well run and a great part of our local community.

We love Long Lane School and we are really pleased our daughter goes here.

I am very happy that my child is happy and the teachers are lovely.

A lovely nurturing school my child comes home happy with tales of the day to tell every day.

Highly recommend.

The Teacher was very informative; we felt we had lots of great feedback.

Would like to see pupils pushed and challenged much more also have advice on secondary schools.

Would like to comment on how many different clubs are run at Long Lane, varied and run so well.

The pupils have such amazing opportunities. Thank you.

We love Long Lane! A great community feel, great communication and a wonderful bunch of staff. We feel blessed.

Would be useful for my child (year 2) to receive more homework including Math's and Spellings.

My children feel valued, cared for and respectful as awesome young adults at Long Lane. They often discuss in depth their adventures.

Very happy child.

Really pleased with the school to date, lots of information fed back to parents, all of which is useful.