

# Long Lane Primary

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Dear Parents and Carers

We would like to welcome you all back to Long Lane after the summer holidays and also welcome the new parents and pupils to our wonderful school.

Last year we introduced a new award to a Year 6 pupil called the 'Governor Community Award'. The cup was donated by the Chair of Governors to thank a year 6 pupil for all their hard work for the school community and for making an impact at Long Lane.

The community got together and we were able to make a hamper full of donated items to give to Anisa Johnson with the cup to say thank you. The local businesses included: The Beauty Box, Waitrose, Tesco's, Nando's and Jamie's Italians.

We are ready for the new school year and getting everything into place. We have performed our skills matrix and done a 360 review on the chair of governors. This data has enabled us to make our governance plan for the new year. We are looking forward to our Ofsted visit this year and showing the inspectors everything that we have in place and how Long Lane positively impacts all the pupils.

We are all looking forward to the new year and making sure we are on the up and working our way to outstanding. We have a very diverse team of governors and fulfill all the skills sets to continue growth and excellence at Long Lane Primary. We are looking for a Co-Opted Governor to join our board, please if you know of anyone in the local area that would like to make a difference to our school then please ask them to contact the Chair of Governors via the office.

We have introduced a new communication item to all the parents/carers every month. Every month one of our governors will be writing a short piece to explain what they have been doing and what we have put into place. Hope you all find it useful and it gives you an insight into what the governors are achieving for the school.

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## Upcoming Events

### Full Governing Board Meeting

**3<sup>rd</sup> October 2018**

**12<sup>th</sup> December 2018**

**6<sup>th</sup> February 2019**

**24<sup>th</sup> April 2019**

**12<sup>th</sup> June 2019**

**3<sup>rd</sup> July 2019**

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### Training Completed by Governors

Succession planning, Safeguarding, Educational visits, Exclusions, Effective P&P, GBB planning for the year, HT appraisal, SEND, Safeguarding and PPG

### Visits Completed by Governors

SEN, PP, All the link classes, Uniform focus, MFL visit, Sport Premium, H&S, Safeguarding

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June 2018 – James Mortimore

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 responsibility 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.

I think June is definitely going to be my favourite month this year not only because of the World Cup but the annual Long Lane School sports day that takes place on Wednesday 27th June. I was there to observe it last summer on the hottest day of the year and the children competed well in challenging conditions. As a Head of PE at St Andrew's, I understand the efforts that go into organising such a wonderful whole school event. I know myself and the governing board are thoroughly looking forward to seeing the children and school all out together for a united celebration of achievement.

July 2018 – Edward Barham

I was excited to begin my role as a governor back in October 2017, and, as ever, the year has flown by. Now that we are approaching the end of term, this seems an excellent point to reflect on what the school has achieved in the last year, and as a governor, I am particularly interested in how well the school has fulfilled its vision to its pupils; that each child will leave with a love of learning.

Of course, learning is not just about facts, figures, and exams, it is about learning practical, social, and emotional life skills through experiences inside, and outside the classroom. The school website's 'news' section contains a record of just some of the activities undertaken over the past year, and I am pleased to see that there is a wide range of learning on display - there is learning about teamwork in winning the Berkshire Primary School's Cup, learning about independence at PGL, learning about practical science in the paper aeroplane competition and science festival, learning about the environment at Woolley Firs Environmental Education Centre, and learning about equality with International Women's day – to name but a few.

I am always impressed when I visit the school at the overriding

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sense of support that pupils give each other, and the way that the school recognises the efforts of pupils in all aspects of their education, and sports day was a fine example of how well the pupils work together, and support each other.

Alongside my general governor duties, I took over as safeguarding governor a little before Easter. I have been to the school to ensure that the staff and governors are up to date with their safeguarding responsibilities and are always alert to their responsibilities. I am pleased to see that the school is maintaining its 'outstanding' work in safeguarding children and I will aim to ensure that this continues; ensuring pupils are safe must always be our top priority.

I hope that pupils keep enjoying their learning right up to the end of term, and continue to learn new skills at the same time as enjoying their summer holidays.

Our new, easier to navigate website offers a governors' section including information about each governor, governing policies, attendance and meeting dates. You can find our website at <http://www.longlane.w-berks.sch.uk>

Shirley Wilkinson  
Chair of Governors

## Governors

Shirley Wilkinson (Chair)

Peter Thorne (Headteacher)

Simon Bamford (Vice-chair)

Mike Boys

James Mortimore

Edward Barham

Tom Hunt

Gary Teague

Rachel Sweeney (Clerk)