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Report to the Parish Council - May 2021

We currently have 53 children on role and are set to have 52 on roll for September. Unfortunately, this year is a low birth year across Norfolk and therefore we did not get the 7 pupils we had hoped for in September. Despite this, we are still over our PAN (Pupil Admission Numbers) as this is 49, therefore we are continuing to look into the addition of a third classroom to allow us to grow.

In March 2020, just before the very first lockdown we had an Ofsted inspection. We were judged as a 'Good' school. Our strengths were the development of the curriculum, the enthusiasm and progress that pupils make in their reading (particularly in the early years), the children's enjoyment of their Maths lessons, the support for pupils with special educational needs and the provision for pupils' wider development. We were really pleased with the outcome.

During the pandemic we have had to adapt a lot. During the first lockdown in March 2020, Woodton closed completely with provision provided at Ellingham for any key worker children, while teachers provided home learning activities for children to complete with their families. Then in July we were able to welcome back some Year groups, which meant we had between 3 and 5 children in each class, while the rest continued with their learning at home.

September 2020 welcomed all of the children back, but we were in class bubbles with staggered drop offs, pick ups, breaks and lunchtimes to ensure that the bubbles were kept as separate as possible. In January 2021, the nation went into a full lockdown and the school was closed to everyone apart from key workers. Teachers had to adapt very quickly to full remote learning and were brilliant – adapting to delivering recorded lessons and even some live ones too.

The school has fared relatively well during the pandemic and we have not had to close any bubbles as a result of a positive covid case. Although we have not experienced any losses directly, we know that families and staff members have been affected and our thoughts are with them. Now we are hopeful that things are slowly improving and are optimistic that we can see the return to normality in school, if not in June then at least to start the new academic year in September.

Although our last year has been turbulent, we have been working on our vision, a new curriculum and developing our library and outdoor area.



We have finalised our vision, with an image that shows the vision and values, completed by one of our talented parents:

To love our neighbour, enabling everyone to flourish and reach their full potential.

This vision underpins everything that we do. Our Collective Worship (assemblies) and our curriculum are all linked to our vision and values. The children have a good understanding of what the vision means and how our values link to it. The next step is to share the vision and values with our parents and our local community.

In addition to developing our vision, we have reviewed and improved our curriculum for the children to ensure that it linked to our values, has good progression and is exciting for the children. We are confident that our curriculum offers children a broad and engaging education.

We have completely revamped our library, getting rid of old books and buying lots of new books to make it a great place to sit and read. We are currently developing our outdoor area by having some old wooden equipment removed and some large conifer trees removed that were dying. We are using the remnants of the trees to create a seated area for our fire pit and the bark has been spread across the woodland area. We have had a new Pergola built by one of our parents, which will have tables and benches added to create an outdoor learning area and we have plans for a new stage for the children and some painting to revamp our sheds.

We hope that everyone else in our community is safe and well. We look forward to welcoming you all back to our school when all restrictions have been removed.



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