Parish Council Report 20th April 2022

Loddiswell Primary School

Part of the South Hams Federation (with Stokenham, Malborough and Modbury, Kingsbridge)

Numbers

13 children started in Reception this academic year.
Total on roll at this point 105
September 2021– predicted on roll 101 (17 Year 6 leavers and 13 New starters)

Class structures

We continue to run 4 classes – this year as a result of the pandemic we are operating with R & Year1, Year 2, Year 3&4, Year 5&6
FS, Y1/2, Y3/4, Y5/6
Class sizes are – 28, 16 29, 32
All classes are running at full capacity or almost full
We have had enquiries about spaces and are currently running a waiting list for Year 2 in particular.
We are planning to return to our previous class structure of R, Year 1&2, Year 3&4, Year 5&6 from September 2022.

Staffing

Mrs Benfield joined Loddiswell as Head of School in September 2021 and Mrs Coulthard remains the Executive Head.
Mrs Snell has been teaching Class 1 this Year.
Miss Christie began the Year teaching in Class 2 and left at Christmas to work at a school closer to her home. Miss Ross joined in January 2022 replacing her.
Mrs Dunton is the substantive teacher in Class 3 and has worked alongside Mrs King (between September and February) and Mrs Kirkham who has returned from Maternity leave.
Mr Turner has been teaching Class 4.
Mr Jacobson, the Federation PE Curriculum Leadeer has been at school on a Friday and this past half term we have had additional time from a Sports 4 All coach – which the children have thoroughly enjoyed.
Mrs Moore continues to deliver very successful Forest Schools on a Wednesday. She continues to be very grateful to the Parish council for allowing us to use the space.
Mrs Meek continues to teach Science to children in Years 1 - 6 and provides cover for teachers who are undertaking subject leader work.
Miss Coaker continues to cook lunches on site and we have just changed our provider and we are now working with Darts Farm for our food produce and support with delivering healthy school meals. This is an exciting time for the schools and all the tasting sessions have been enthusiastically received by children, parents and staff alike!
At Loddiswell Pres school we have four members on staff. One will be going on maternity soon and a replacement will be appointed for the duration of the maternity leave.
Miss Gotham took on the Duty Manager role in September 2021.
We currently have 28 children on the register, 16 children per day.
We are currently full until September (and have been since Christmas)

For September there is a waiting list of 26 children at the moment and more forms have been sent but not returned at the moment.

Lunches
School dinners continue to be very popular with a high uptake. Darts Fresh are taking over providing school dinners.

Clubs and Activities
We have been running clubs this academic year and they have all been fully subscribed. A range of different clubs have been offered including sport, photography, choir, mindful and Eco to name but a few.

Residentials and trips 2022
The staff and children are delighted that, as we move on to living with Covid, we are able to participate in offsite visits and residentials. Some trips have already taken place with Class 3 visiting an Incinerator in Plymouth to learn about the disposal of rubbish. Class 4 went to The Box in Plymouth. We have residentials taking place throughout the Summer Term with all children in Key Stage 2 having the opportunity to take part in one.
We have also had visitors in to school to support with children's leaning Class 1 Animal Encounters, Local Author (Rob Holmes) came into school and spent time in each class, RNLI have been into school to work with children on beach and water safety.

Wider community involvement
The children were able to perform their Harvest Festival in the Church during the Autumn Term.
We have taken part in some fundraising activities supporting Macmillan, Save the Children,Children in Need and Red Nose Day.
The School community are looking forward to welcoming parents, and the wider community to celebrate the Jubilee at the end of May.

Covid 19
Covid continues to have an impact on the school community. There have been challenges with regards to attendance (staff and children) with an increasing number who have had had it more than once.

Part of our evaluation of remote learning has led us to change our provider; we are now using Google Classroom, this gives the Teachers flexibility for when children are not attending school because of Covid isolation, they are able to access learning online.
We have also used Google meet to facilitate parents evening appointments.