



COVID19 through the eyes of a 4 years old

Meldreth Primary School Headteacher Report

This past year will undoubtedly be remembered by everyone for COVID 19 and lockdown. Many village events were postponed for safety reasons and every family has been affected by the epidemic in differing ways. As we start to emerge from these restrictions, it is perhaps appropriate to look back upon the year to remember that although community events came to a halt, our village school has been open and learning to operate in new ways throughout the pandemic. A HUGE thank you to those staff who also provided support in the form of essential weekly food parcels for our families over the lockdown and holiday periods.

Meldreth Primary School has enjoyed another very successful year (however different), including our incredible staff who transformed school provision to virtual learning with one day's notice. Our parent's feedback this year has been invaluable in ensuring that we provide the best ongoing support for pupils and their families and 100% of our parents agreed that they would recommend our school in our recent survey. This confidence is certainly visible through the record number of applications that we have had for school places over the past two years.

Educational research is at the forefront of '*learning together for life*' at Meldreth Primary and this year has seen staff and pupils involved in health and wellbeing research projects with the Faculty of Education and national Education bodies and our ongoing support for new teacher trainees. As a School Research Champion, part of the evaluation of The National Tutoring Programme, we look forward to seeing the results of our additional support for children who have fallen behind their peers.

Our ongoing improvements to support our vision for creating outstanding learning spaces for our children have included new playground markings, a new allotment area with a newly planted orchard and significant changes to our Secret Garden including a new pond and seating areas, as I am sure those of you who have walked through Melwood recently will have noticed. We are also looking forward to developing the grounds further with an all-weather activity trail and transforming Meldreth School House into a bespoke Early Years and Childcare provision in the near future.

Our school will no doubt continue to move from strength to strength in the coming years, supporting our school community with recovery following the pandemic. As a school, we would like to share our thanks to you and to Mr. Jones our Deputy Headteacher, who is retiring after 23 years of working with Meldreth Primary School. If you are able to share your time, skills or resources please do get in touch with us and join our strong network of staff, governors, PTA members, volunteers and parents to help enrich the experiences of our children.

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