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Priddy Primary School
Report to Parish Council May 2021

At present we have 82 children on roll at Priddy & St Lawrence's. This year we welcomed Saplings pre-school, based at St Lawrence's, under the school wing in September and the provision is now thriving.

The last few months have been an unprecedented challenge for us all. There has been so much to take on board and adapt to, in a situation that keeps developing. It has been unsettling for everyone, and this has undoubtedly been a team challenge that we have faced together as a community and school.

During lockdown we provided support for key workers and vulnerable pupils in school, in addition to providing online learning for children at home. There has been truly fantastic engagement from parents and families over this period. We were also able to provide financial support for our vulnerable families through the food voucher scheme.

On returning to school our focus has been to ensure that we have in place the protective measures required to keep pupils and staff as safe as possible, alongside a full programme of emotional and academic support for our children. The children have experienced a broad and balanced curriculum with a full range of subjects. In the first few weeks, we followed a Recovery Curriculum to support our children settling successfully and happily back into school. There have been flexibilities in the curriculum to cover any important missed content. We have made excellent use of our fabulous outdoor space with walk & talk sessions and forest school activities around the village and many indoor & outdoor creative activities.

We have greatly missed using the church for our services and celebrations and we are very much looking forward to returning to normality and a situation that enables us to use the village hall for our lunches, assemblies, indoor PE, performances and events. Similarly, when the restrictions ease, we will be able to re-establish our full extra-curricular programme and wraparound provision.

Thank you to all members of the community for your continued support.

Rosie Thorner

Head teacher