

## **Blewbury CofE Primary School**

### **Annual report 2021**

There have been many changes at Blewbury School over the last few years. The school is now an Academy part of Oxfordshire Diocesan School Trust (ODST) which supports 38 schools.

At the beginning of 2021 the school had in place an Executive Headteacher Lisa Austin and a Head of school Lisa Horton. Lisa Horton had a temporary one year contract and she left the school in August 2021 and was replaced by Jo Reeder. Jo has now been appointed substantive Headteacher and Lisa Austin supports the school in her role as an adviser for the Trust.

Covid impacted enormously on the work of the school although the school remained open throughout 2021; sometimes just for key worker children. The children and staff have had restrictions placed upon them which meant at times they were working in bubbles and parents, carers and visitors have not been able to go in the school building. As Chair of Governors I have made a few infrequent visits but have also kept in touch remotely. I have seen the tremendous work that is taking place some of which can be seen on the school website. Science week took place; World Book Day was celebrated and the children have enjoyed meeting Blewbury people and finding out about their work and hobbies. In July the whole of Key Stage 2 were able to climb Blewburton Hill for a picnic.

Father Jason has continued to take assemblies (sometimes remotely) and the children were able to attend church for Harvest Festival.

In November the school participated in the Act of Remembrance by making a trail of poppies around the school which included naming those in the villages and those of their families who had fallen during times of conflict. It was very moving.

Sadly, the traditional Christmas activities were affected by covid although a Carol service was led by Jo outside in the playground.

There is an article from the school included in the Blewbury Bulletin and the Upton News each month.

Ann Parham

Chair of Governors