

## Village School is Much Improved

Lew Trenchard Church of England Primary School recently had a visit from Ofsted Inspectors who described it as a satisfactory and improving school.

The report states that 'standards in English, Mathematics and Science are rising and that teaching has improved with many good features'. The report adds that teaching is based 'on an effective, creative curriculum which has led to pupils enjoying their learning and showing better concentration.'

Pupils feel safe in school and parents recognise that there is good quality care, guidance and support, especially for vulnerable pupils. The school is praised for promoting community cohesion both within the school and its locality.

The report states that leadership and management are good. 'Pupils, parents and staff wholeheartedly endorse the new headteacher's drive for improvement and commitment to a positive ethos for learning.' Furthermore behaviour in class and around school is good.

The inspectors also noted that relationships are good in the school and that teachers know the children really well. Teaching assistants provide good support to individual pupils.

Parents have expressed very positive views about the school. They are particularly pleased with the way the new headteacher is leading the school. They feel that there is a caring, friendly and welcoming ethos. They report that they feel well informed about their children's progress in school and welcome the new homework arrangements.

The headteacher, Tim Woodward, who joined the school in September, feels that the report 'paints an accurate picture of the rapid strides that have been made already this term and points to the potential for further progress. 'This school has the staff, facilities, resources and community support to become a really good school.'