



PANSHANGER PRIMARY SCHOOL

Thank you for your interest in a role at Panshanger Primary School.

The school is situated on the outskirts of Welwyn Garden City on a large and still expanding estate. Local housing is mostly owner occupied, although a considerable number of families live in council or shared ownership properties nearby. Local facilities include shops, a supermarket, football club and golf course.

The school opened in January 1969 and a nursery class was opened in September 1997. In September 2002, internal reorganisation enabled the creation of an 'Early Years Unit' enabling Nursery and Reception to work together. The building is well maintained and set in attractive grounds, which include three playgrounds, playing field with climbing frames and an environmental studies area. The school also has its own outdoor heated swimming pool, which is used from May to September.

Panshanger Primary is a one-form entry school, with a standard admission number of 30. The school is over subscribed. There are eight mixed ability classes arranged chronologically (N - Y6). Teaching methods are varied according to the needs of the children and the demands of the curriculum. Spanish in Key Stage 2, and Music from Reception to Year 6 are taught by specialist teachers. Teachers do not team teach, but operate as a mutually supportive team.

Panshanger has achieved the Unicef Award for our recognition of commitment to Rights of the Child, Basic Skills Quality Award, the Herts Quality Mark for Early Years Practice and Provision, the Gold Travel Plan Award, ICT Mark, Arts Mark, Equalities Mark, Primary Science Silver Quality Mark, European Quality Label, RE Quality Mark, Healthy Schools status and PE Quality Mark.

Children are offered a wide range of out of school clubs which are listed on the school website each term.

The school has a very active and successful PTA. Various functions are organised, not only to raise funds but also to promote informal contact between parents, staff and children. The PTA also undertakes the upkeep and staffing of the school pool, which is enjoyed by members of the local community as well as the pupils.

Parents are encouraged to become involved in the life of the school, working with individuals or small groups, accompanying visits, staying to read or play maths games with their children etc. Consultation meetings and open evenings are held regularly and are well supported. Parents are provided with an annual report on their child's progress during the Summer Term. In addition, the school operates an open-door policy where parents are encouraged to meet with teachers to discuss concerns and share information.

Thank you again for your interest in our school,

Mr Ben Longland
(Headteacher)