



GOVERNOR NEWS – JULY 2019

Dear Parents / Carers

Here we are again at the end of yet another busy, successful and fulfilling year which has included many notable and enjoyable events and celebrations.

The governing body has also had a very full agenda throughout the year as we continue to support and work closely with the leadership of the school in their drive to ensure the very best education for our children.

We welcomed three new parent governors during this past year Mrs Sally Stanger, Mrs Laura Brown, Mr Richard Abdy and also Mrs Lucy Schofield (as a co-opted governor).

We were naturally delighted with the outcome of the Ofsted inspection in March. This confirmed what we as governors, and you as parents, know and feel about our school. We were pleased that Ofsted judged governance to be in good shape, and confirmed that we were doing an effective job carrying out our responsibilities as they would expect. During the past year we have made regular visits to ensure we have an insight into the impact of the school's work and strategic decisions.

We have particularly enjoyed working alongside our Pupil Parliament who have been an inspiration in helping to forge new initiatives and opportunities for pupils to have a voice in decisions which impact on them and their education. Their work this year has provided the foundations and structure for the school to seek the Investors in Pupils Award in 2020. A big thank you to all our young MPs for their commitment and valuable contributions during the past year.

Once again the PTA have been magnificent and have provided a great deal of financial support. The realisation of The Green was very much part of their inspirational work and has now become a much used and popular facility for the children. A huge thank you to all members of the PTA and indeed also, to you our parents, for being so generous with your support.

Just reading through the weekly school newsletters it is amazing to see the huge number of events and activities which have taken place over the year. Once again this is due the dedication of our staff and all the parents who so kindly and generously give up their time to help in so many ways.

We look forward to seeing the new pupil entrance and remodelling of the school reception area being completed for, hopefully, September. This will make a huge difference both in terms of keeping our children safe, but also with the practicalities of arriving and leaving school.

Exciting times lie ahead, but we do face the inevitable challenge of working with a limited budget to ensure we can sustain high standards of teaching, support and care against increasing costs. This will be a priority for governors to address in the next school year and beyond.

Finally, thank you for your on-going support. We are indeed blessed with a community that works for, and with, each other.

On behalf of the governors we wish you all a good summer break and hopefully lots of dry and sunny days!

With very best wishes

Pam Heggie, Mike Cassidy

Co-Chairs of Governors

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