



## SUMMER TERM 2017 GOVERNOR NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope everyone enjoyed the Easter break and we are pleased to welcome the children back to school and are looking forward to another successful term.

Firstly, we would like to congratulate all the staff and children on an excellent Ofsted inspection last half term. Everyone has worked extremely hard to continue raising standards and in delivering our school ethos of *nurturing all to aspire to achieve*. We had very good feedback from the inspectors in particular on how happy and well-mannered the children were and how welcoming the school is. Governors were also really pleased to see that your feedback via the Ofsted Parent View website and comments at the recent parents evening were also so positive, so thank you for all your continued support of the school. We are reviewing all your comments and we will update you on actions in "you said, we did" section of the newsletters as items move forward.

We have had a lot of changes within the Governing body during the last year as we have had to say goodbye to some governors who have come to the end of their term and some parent Governors who have moved on with their children to the Junior school; Sian Henry, Sara-Jane Trebor and Sarah Puntis. We do however welcome Priyia Mehta (Co-opted Governor) and Lucy McCanna (Parent Governor). A full list of the Governing body can be found on the school website.

As Governors we are involved with a variety of issues including finance, pupil and staff welfare, public relations, building/grounds maintenance and staff appointments. However, without a doubt, we consider that our most important role is to monitor the welfare and education of the pupils. The full Governing body meet twice each half term with also some smaller committees or working parties meeting when necessary.

All governors have link roles within the school and some are linked to key actions in the School Improvement Plan. This is developed each year and is an important tool used to set out key strategies the school will follow in order to continue to develop and achieve outstanding in all areas. Governors regularly meet with the relevant staff linked to a key action in order to gain a full understanding of where we are with each action. The link Governor/s then provide a written visit report and also feedback any key actions or developments in that area to the rest of the Governing body. So far this year Governors have made 11 link visits. This is in addition to visits such as, celebration assemblies, Parent Consultations, FOFI meetings, information evenings, class volunteering, school trips etc. which all help us gain a better understanding of the school as a whole and get to know pupils and staff.

In November, the full Governing body were also in school for half a day where we held a strategic visioning session looking at a long term plan so we can continue to raise standards and quality for all. Governors are still working with staff on the action plan for implementing this which will be fed back to all parents and carers in the near future.

Our focus for this term will be to review the school budget prior to its submission to county. This is always a challenge as school budgets are squeezed even more but the senior leadership team work very hard to ensure we balance the budgets without



having an impact on the quality of learning. Our plans for improvements to the school building are also continuing. We are also reviewing the effectiveness of the Governing body so we can identify what improvements we can make to ensure we continue to strategically lead in partnership with the Head teacher to ensure our school gets the outstanding recognition at our next Ofsted.

We want to hear from you if you have any questions or thoughts raised in this letter or if you have any suggestions as to how the school can be improved. Your thoughts and comments can be emailed to [governors@fieldinfants.herts.sch.uk](mailto:governors@fieldinfants.herts.sch.uk).

Kind regards  
The Governing Body