



Spring Term 2018



# GOVERNOR NEWS

## OUTSTANDING!

### Governing Body

Aaron Mulligan, Chair of Governors  
Rev Barbara Messham, Vice-Chair  
Jayne Neveu – Head Teacher  
Sue Mottram - Clerk  
Jim Burrows - Foundation  
Sue Ross – Local Authority  
Angus McKenzie – Parent  
Eve Perry – Staff (Teaching)  
James Bowers – Co-opted  
Chris Davis – Parent  
Mike Ahearne - Parent  
Jenny Street – Associate

#### GOVERNING BODY NEWS

Recently, Mrs Gill Holyoak stood down from her role as Clerk to the Governors – we thank her for her help and support. We welcome Mrs Sue Mottram, and look forward to working with her.

### Dear Parents/Carers,

It is with great pleasure that we are able to send this newsletter following the publication of the report into the recent Ofsted Inspection of our School. Naturally, we are **delighted** with the **Outstanding** judgement given, and especially pleased to read the many positive descriptions of the school, provided in the report.

Everyone associated with the school can rightly feel very pleased with this outcome. As Governors, we know personally of the tireless efforts of the Head Teacher as she has led from the front in every aspect of improvement. It is fitting that the report starts by recognising that her *'exceptional vision and ambition are reasons for the school's success'*.

Read on to find out more about Ofsted and other recent Governing matters...

**We're here to help** - Please don't hesitate to talk to us if you have any queries about governorship or wish to speak to us about any aspect of school life – we want to work better together for the good of the children, the staff and the school.

## MORE FROM THE OFSTED REPORT

As Governors we pay tribute to every Teacher, and all other members of staff, who were described as being *'uncompromising in their determination to give pupils the best possible education'*.

It is equally satisfying to read about the amazing children we have at the school, who have shown themselves to be a credit to their families – each of you. It is great to hear that *'pupils thoroughly enjoy coming to school'*, as they *'feel completely safe'* and *'make rapid progress'*.

CONGRATULATIONS again to ALL!

## GOVERNOR VISITS /ACTIVITIES

A significant part of school governance is coming into the school and meeting with staff, doing 'learning walks' and general monitoring of each aspect of school life. This term we've been involved in:

- **Pupil Progress meetings** – every term Governors meet with respective class teachers, along with the Head, to discuss progress for every pupil in the school. Discussions focus on ensuring that each child is being properly challenged, and making the progress expected. Governors ensure that additional resources or interventions are put in place, if any gaps in attainment or progress are identified.
- **Reading visits each week** – excellent reading is crucial for any outstanding school, and Governors try to play their part in supporting the children with regular visits to listen to children read.
- **Monitoring of Vulnerable Groups** – an important role of Governors is to meet regularly with the Head and other staff to assess the progress of children in vulnerable groups – this includes those eligible for Pupil Premium and SEN children. At the recent visit, each child was discussed and their progress assessed. The report recognised that staff 'go beyond expectation for the school'.

## BEYOND OFSTED

We are so grateful for your endless support and, as you should expect, we continue to be as determined as ever to work hard and maintain these high standards. Thank you for your constant efforts to support your children, attend school events and even volunteering at school when help is needed. Those efforts are also recognised in the Ofsted outcome.

Children are our focus.  
Achievement,  
Respect and  
Excellence are our aims

### Finance Committee

Another very important aspect of being a Governor, is monitoring the school's finances. Much has been reported in the news recently around financial challenges within the educational sector. Our School finances are carefully monitored, and the budget is approved through Committee. Our goal is to continue ensuring that our School does not run a budget deficit.

### Sports Premium

Many of you will have noticed the addition of the sports track around the playing fields. Each school receives a Sports Premium to encourage healthy and active lifestyles for the children. The Governors are accountable for ensuring the Premium is spent appropriately and we think the track is a valuable addition – giving the children a place to complete their mile-a-day. The school also hopes to use the Premium to maintain its Gold Sports Award status.

### Finally...

Thanks to the PTA, whose great work continues to support the school by providing funds for crucial resources. They have recently helped fund several new laptops.

Have a great Easter,

*The Governors*