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Governor's Newsletter – Spring Term 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to our Governors Spring Term Newsletter. We are aware it has been sometime since you have received an update from us and hope that you find this newsletter informative and useful. The Governing Board has an overall responsibility for school improvement and the way in which the school functions, in order to provide the best opportunities for the pupils of both schools while ensuring that safeguarding principles and procedures are followed.

Membership of the Governing Body

There have been a number of changes to the membership of the Governing Body in recent months; Peter Lambie, Julia Whiting and Jonathan Rump have left the Governing Body – I would like to take this opportunity to thank them for their service, commitment and expertise they brought to the role.

We have been joined by a new Parent Governor, Zara Gale and two new co-opted Governors, Martyne Ellison and Laura Elvery.

We are currently recruiting new Co-opted Governors to join our team and I am available to answer any questions or queries interested parties may have.

Covid Challenges

As we approach the February half-term we wanted to thank all the children, parents and staff at both schools for your patience, support and commitment as we have continued to respond to Covid-19.

Despite everyone's best efforts we have had to lockdown/return individual classes to bubbles at some points. Such decisions are not taken lightly and only after careful consideration of all options. This is the same when reviewing parental participation in events at school. Although we want to make sure that parents are involved as much as possible in school life we have, on occasions, had to make decisions which protect other pupils, their families and staff.

The schools have worked tirelessly to support the children to remain in school and engage with their learning. Despite the high levels of staff absence across all educational settings in Norfolk and England we are doing all we can to provide consistency for the children in terms of adults but we are having to be flexible and creative at times. We know that the lockdown, remote learning and the subsequent periods of disruption did have an impact for the children but we are pleased to see that the schools have actively worked to support the children to catch up on their learning and progress this term. We have appreciated the parental support we have been given.

Governors have continued to meet remotely and where appropriate, have visited both schools. This contact has meant that we have received regular updates on the schools plans and progress of the children.





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Work of the Governing Body

This half term the governors have been looking at the impact of the Recovery Premium, reviewing with the school staff the shared vision for both schools which I am sure Ms Jordan will be sharing with you very soon, reflecting on the Federation Improvement and Development Plan and considering future plans.

The school financial year ends on the 31st March and we have been looking at the school budget for the next financial year. Funding continues to be challenging and at the time of writing we are waiting for confirmation of the monies which will be available to us in 2022/23.

All staff and governors are required to carry out professional development throughout the year. In addition, members of the Governing Board have specific areas of responsibility and undertake monitoring of that area in conjunction with the Senior Leadership Team.

Kidz Klub

As many of you will be aware the Governing Body made the decision to broaden and develop the support we offer to our community. Ms Jordan has written to you all separately regarding this but I wanted to reiterate and confirm that whilst we asked Kidz Klub to be involved, Kelly and her team have made the decision to run their service in alternative premises. We are aware that the Klub is valued by many families but feel that this decision is the right one for our pupils, their families and our wider community. We are pleased that the Klub will continue and wish them every success for the future. Please be assured that we will work closely with the Klub during this transitional period.

Feedback from Parents/Carers

We always welcome your feedback, views and comments – please contact the Chair of Governors through the school office in the first instance. We will also seek your feedback formally through questionnaires/surveys and give opportunities for consultation on specific matters.

Jo Thompson
Chair of Governors

