

Governors Newsletter May 2019



Chairs page

Dear parents and carers,

It's been a short half term, which makes it an especially busy one for all at the school.

The year 2 children have been working hard at their "Special Agent" Tests and I have been fortunate enough to witness first hand their sheer determination and perseverance in doing their very best. Well done to all our Special Agent graduates! Also thank you to all the other children for adhering to our core values and respecting the need to be quiet around the school while the SATs took place.

After half term, we will start to see some new faces within the school as we start the transition process for the September 2019 reception year. Our year 2's will also be visiting their new junior schools.

The consultation into the federation of our school and Woodland View Junior school also continues, with the deadline for consultation responses being 3 July.

After which, myself and Rosemary

Mackie, Chair of WVJS will present a report of the responses to our respective governing bodies. An extraordinary meeting will take place whereby both schools governing bodies will vote on the federation of our two schools.

In order to make this vote, it really is important that we receive your comments and feedback.

Please be reminded that the schools are also holding 2 drop in sessions for parents, carers and other members of the community to ask the leadership team any questions regarding the federation. These are:

2pm on Tuesday 4th June at Spixworth Infant School

6pm on Monday 24th June at Woodland View Junior School

You are welcome to attend either session.

Angela Eastick
Chair of Governors

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Governor appointments, resignations and vacancies

Kerry has unfortunately chosen to step down from the governing body with immediate effect.

We thank Kerry for all her work and commitment to the school and wish her all the best for the future.

Kerry's monitoring roles have been redistributed between the continuing governors for the remainder of this academic year.

We now have 4 vacancies on the Governing Body for co-opted governors.

With the federation consultation underway and only half a term left of this aca-

ademic year, we will not be recruiting any new governors this year.

If you or anyone you know are interested in learning more about the role of a school governor or in joining the governing body at the start of the new academic year, please do get in touch.

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There are no specific qualifications or skill sets required to be a governor. All we ask is that you have the motivation, desire and willingness to contribute towards the continuing improvement of the school and in making a difference.

Angela Eastick

- Chair of Governors
- Finance
- Effectiveness of Leadership & management
- Staff & whole school development & training

Matt Ward

- Vice Chair
- Outcomes
- Curriculum link governor
- Quality of teaching, learning & assessment

Heidi Jordan

- Head teacher

Lily Engall

- SEND/Child protection/pupil premium
- Personal development, behaviour & welfare
- PE & sports

Neil Campbell

- Safeguarding & attendance
- GDPR
- EYFS

Julia Whiting

- Premises development
- Partnerships, governors, parents & the community

Family Response Survey 2019

Thank you to those of you who completed the recent online Family Response survey. We had 26 responses, which although was lower than we had hoped, the feedback and comments provided have been beneficial.

73% of responses gave a success rate of 4 or 5 stars and felt we have increased how much we involve parents in supporting their child to read at home

85% of responses gave a success rate of 4 or 5 stars and felt we are offering a wider curriculum through cookery and Mandarin in addition to our Enrichments and subject events.

92% of responses gave a success rate of 4/5 stars and felt we are supporting all children to be more active through daily mile, zoned play times for a choice of activities and Activall Pods

96% of responses gave a success rate of 4/5 stars and felt we are sharing our curriculum and how children are achieving with parents/carers across all subjects through Tapestry

Many people also offered written comments. Here is a flavour of the feedback we received:

'The progress I have seen in my child has really shown - especially with reading and making sure we read every day. Tapestry also gives such a great insight into what they have been doing so we can talk about it together'

'Brilliant school, teaching children in a fun filled way of learning'

'Excellent school, teachers are approachable and always happy to chat about the child's progress or any concerns. Ms Jordan is always friendly, approachable and professional'

'Great learning environment for the children'

Some of the ideas shared of what you would like to see changed/improved in our school over the next 3 years are:

- 'More homework challenges for parents to participate in helping their children's learning'
- 'Sharing afternoons on separate days for the different classes'
- 'To continue with physical activity'
- 'Nothing to be improved, just keep up the hard work that goes into everything currently'

All the feedback and comments we received are important to us as we plan for next year and make decisions about future improvements to our school. If you missed the opportunity to complete the survey, look out for future Parent Forums where you can come along and have your say.



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Our aim is to enable every child to Shine