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## **Governor's Newsletter – Spring Term 2023**

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**

Since our last newsletter there has been an addition to the Governing Body, Mr Adrian Land, has joined us as a co-opted governor. There is now only one vacancy on the Governing Body for a local authority governor and we are working with the local authority to fill this.

### **Attendance**

As things settle down following Covid the focus from the government and OFSTED is on children returning to a pattern of good attendance at school. Whilst attendance at both the infant and junior schools is favourable compared to the national picture this has not returned to pre-covid levels. We would appreciate your support by ensuring that your child attends school unless they are unwell. Our attendance target this year is 96%.

Whilst 90% attendance sounds good this does in fact mean that ½ day of learning is missed each week and 4 whole weeks of learning are missed over the year.

If you would like any support with your child's attendance, please contact the school office.

### **Work of the Governing Body**

This half term the governors have been looking at the impact of the Pupil Premium, reviewing the school improvement and development plan and looking at the school budgets moving forward. Funding is still a challenge across the education sector and we are working with Ms Jordan to minimise the impact that the increased rates of inflation has on the children's experiences in school.

All staff and governors are required to carry out professional development throughout the year, the focus of the Governing Body this year has been on safeguarding. 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.

### **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. This term the schools have also sought your feedback through a formal survey and also the pupil's views on behaviour. Ms Jordan has reported findings from these surveys both to the Governing Body and yourselves through her regular newsletter.

We will also try to make sure that a representative of the Governing Body is available at school events – please do come and have a chat!

### **Let's Celebrate!**

We are always pleased to hear about the successes, challenges and events/activities that children have enjoyed in school.

This term we have heard positive feedback regarding the ARC; the new curriculum pages on the websites and the wide range of activities and events the children have participated in such as the Year 4 Residential, Comic Relief Day, the Play in a Day performances to name but a few! A big thank you goes out to all the school staff for going the extra mile in organising and supporting these opportunities.

Jo Thompson  
Chair of Governors