



"All Learning Together"

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Dear Parents,

We are already half way through the academic year and already a lot has been achieved in various areas of the school, but there is also a lot of hard work still in the future for both the staff and pupils.

All teaching staff attended a course in January to receive training on using new technologies in the curriculum. Mrs Laverack is training to become a KS1 moderator which will not only help our pupils preparing for KS1 tests through her feedback, but will also raise the profile of our school through her visits into other schools when she is successful her training. Mrs Laverack is also mentoring a final year student this term. Mr Woods has not only been taking part in a Maths Research Project around mixed age planning, but has also starting to attend the Maths Subject Leader Network meetings in preparation for becoming Subject Leader next year.

Through the Primary Leaders Network, Mrs Laverack and Mrs McIlwaine will be visiting an outstanding school in March to look at ideas together so that we can continue to work towards moving from a 'GOOD' school to an 'OUTSTANDING' school! Mrs Ray has recently produced a three year School Development Plan which incorporates the strategic vision of the governing Body and sets out how the school will develop to meet it. This is a working document which allows both governors and the Head to continually monitor our progress towards this goal and we thank Mrs Ray for all her hard work.

Following a visit from the Health and Safety Officer at NYCC, he was very positive about the school's fire safety procedures and the excellent time for evacuating the building in the event of a fire.

The number of new pupils starting at Langton looks very positive at the moment. Seven new pupils have started since the beginning of this academic year and we are hoping to have thirteen new pupils starting in September 2017 – and hopefully this number may increase over the next few months. If you missed it, there was a very positive article about the school that appeared in the Gazette and Herald and York Press in January. Mrs Ray and Mrs Laverack continue to visit Playgroups/Nurseries as a matter of course to market the school and the reputation and profile of the school is very positive. With this in mind, it has been agreed to start a Mums and Toddlers, Stay and Play session from September 2017. This will be run by Mrs Saunders in the After School room on a Wednesday morning for two hours. There will be a small charge but it will give Mums the opportunity to have a 'get-together' and for their children to have an opportunity to play with other children. As there are hopefully twelve new families joining Langton from September with younger siblings, this initiative will encourage them to attend the school in the future.

On the administrative side, many policies were adopted at our last Governor's meeting including Stress Management, Schools Hearing and Appeals, Staff Conduct, Reorganisation, Redundancy and Redeployment, Uniform and Appearance and Collecting Children from School and Absconding. All the key policies can be viewed on the school website and all others can be accessed through the school by speaking to Mrs Ray. It was noted that there is still quite a lot of unauthorised absences and these have been mainly holidays. The school is required to follow the Attendance Policy for these cases.

Head teacher: Mrs Rachel Ray
Chair of Governors: Mr Stuart Simpson

Creates opportunity



Releases potential



Achieves excellence

Finally we are about to start the process of electing two new parent governors in March 2017 as Mr A Priestley and Mr S Simpson's terms of office are about to come to end. At the moment Mr Simpson has been co-opted as a Governor so that he can remain Chairperson. Mrs Ray with assistance from Mrs Conroy will oversee the process of parent-governor elections in the next few weeks.

Best Wishes

Langton Primary School Governors