



"All Learning Together"

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Dear parents,

As we come to the end of a busy term, the governors would like to let you know how much we appreciate all you do for our school. It has been a busy term for us all and I'm sure the children are ready for their holiday.

We governors have been into school and really enjoyed spending time with the children, seeing how hard they work and, most importantly how much they enjoy what they do. Our prime focus is the pupils' happiness, well-being and learning opportunities. Being able to afford four classes has been of real benefit and, with careful management of our budget, we are fortunate to be able to continue this arrangement for the next school year.

The children's safety is key. We now have a barrier outside the school gate and a 30mph limit in the village: something we have been trying to do for a long time. Although the children are never allowed outside unsupervised, ensuring that the school gate is always bolted is so important. Despite two notices on the gate, it is often left unbolted. We appreciate that other people come to school, e.g. delivery people, but if you see it unbolted, please could you bolt it when you come into or leave school.

We are really excited about the new curriculum which we are planning to introduce fully in September. We have approved the purchase of some fantastic software to help with the planning and delivery of this and will continue to be involved in its development. Teachers are trialling the software and will be using it for topic work in the summer term. On the staff training day on Monday 29th April, staff and the link governors will be looking at all the responses from you and the children that have resulted from the homework which was set recently to come up with a high-level plan.

As well as attending full governing board and committee meetings, all of us are 'link governors' having specific responsibility for a subject, e.g. English, or more general area, e.g. Child Protection. For these, we attend training and come into school each term specifically to cover this role. We each report back to all the governors so we are all familiar with what is happening and get to know the children well. Next term we will be reviewing these to ensure that we are covering the most important areas. We are only a small group, six of us plus Mrs Ray and Mrs Laverack to represent the staff. We all spend as much time as we can in school, but as volunteers we do have other responsibilities and so really appreciate all that you do through FOLs and volunteering in other ways. It makes such a difference to what we can offer the children.

The school has just had its termly visit from our North Yorkshire advisor. She gives us valuable advice on what is working well and, as we are always striving to do better, she can suggest ways to improve further. The staff are so enthusiastic and keen to develop the school that they immediately take up suggestions to see how they can make them work best in their classrooms. All the staff work so hard to create the ethos we want for our school and visitors are always delighted with the atmosphere they find there. This is a credit to your children.

We hope you have a wonderful Easter break and the sun shines.

The Langton Governing Board

Head teacher: Mrs Rachel Ray
Chair of Governors: Mr Andrew Priestley

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