



*"All Learning Together"*

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Dear Parents,

As we approach the end of the first term of the academic year, we can see from the fantastic fortnightly school newsletters that so much has already happened and been achieved in our wonderful school.

Firstly, the new school website has been successfully launched. New updates are being added all the time and this will continue into the New Year. Please take the time to have a look and browse through the all the different links. Governors are continually aware of the need to update their own skills and training needs. With this in mind, our Chair Andrew Priestley who has recently completed his Chair of Governors training, has circulated a document to the other governors to identify knowledge of the school including how the school works and how to access necessary information. The feedback will help to highlight future training needs of the governing body.

The responses to the recent Parent Questionnaire were extremely positive. It is gratifying that 100% of parents responded with 'agree strongly' or 'agree' that they would recommend the school and this gives us all great satisfaction that the school continues to go from strength to strength in all areas of the curriculum. The feedback from parents along with input from staff, governors and the children have helped us to rewrite the Schools Mission Statement which includes our Aims, Vision and Values.

In the Headteacher's report Mrs Ray informed us that there are now 73 pupils on role and that a successful Open Afternoon had been held in November with another one planned on 11<sup>th</sup> January 2018. New applications for 2018 look very promising and potential intake figures for 2019 are strong.

On another note, attendance figures so far this year are 93.7% which fall below the expected level of 95%. There is a worrying trend towards a number of unauthorised absences which the Head is monitoring. Schools are required to report to the Local Authority 10 or more unauthorised sessions (half a day = a session) in a four month period. It is essential that parents understand that unauthorised absences can affect their child's progress so if parents find themselves in the position of needing to take their child out as an unauthorised absence they should discuss the situation with Mrs Ray. The Governors agree that full attendance is essential for every child to achieve their full potential in education and will continue to monitor the situation.

On a more positive note, Mrs Ray reported that all lesson observations and evidence collected were 'Good' or 'Outstanding'. Well done to all the hard working staff for this fantastic result!! We would also like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Laverack in her Senior Teacher role for her dedication, hard work and support which has made the shared headship role possible.

The governors adopted four important policies: Child Protection, E-Safety, Whistle Blowing and Winter Management.

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

Creates opportunity



Releases potential



Achieves excellence

Even though we have a full complement of governors at the moment, it is important to consider succession planning for the future so if you or someone you know (a parent, grandparent, aunt, uncle, neighbour, work colleague or friend) might be interested in school governance and would be interested in finding out more about the role, please contact Mrs Ray or Andrew Priestley our Chair.

Governors continue to make termly visits and this term our Vice-Chair Howard Widdall, has made two Maths focused visits visiting each class. He reported how impressed he was with the standard of teaching as well as the pupil interaction and enthusiasm. He reviewed the Maths Development plan which he felt was comprehensive and being effectively implemented.

Finally the governors would like to express their thanks to all the staff for their continued hard work and commitment and to all the parents for their fantastic support in all the ongoing activities and fund raising events which contributes to the success of the school and in developing the lives of the children.

We wish everyone a Happy and Peaceful Christmas and a wonderful 2018.

Yours,

Langton School Governing Body