



*"All Learning Together"*

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### Governor Update – Christmas 2018

Another great term to start the school year. Mrs Ray and the class teachers have kept you up to date with all the wonderful things that your children have been doing this term.

The governors have also been busy fulfilling their roles in school. We hold regular meetings each term to develop the school strategy, manage the finances, and look at the children's learning.

After reviewing the budget, we were delighted to be able to introduce a fourth class in January, enabling us to continue the small school ethos which we and you feel is important at Langton.

Each governor also takes specific responsibility for a number of areas – these can be subject related, e.g., maths, English and/or more general areas, e.g., Health & Safety, Child Protection. For each responsibility, the governor visits school at least once per term to meet with staff & pupils, enabling them to better understand their subject, review progress against specific targets and report back to the full governing board. We are delighted that Pam Abbott has agreed to work as a Governor at our school for another 4 year term. Pam works alongside Mrs Ray to support the school with its Child Protection and SEND provision and is very helpful in this regard. Likewise, we are able to report that Anne Conroy has agreed to come back onto the Governing Board after a brief absence when she took a step back but maintained her links as an associate governor. Anne supports the school in so many areas, notably ensuring our policy review is up to date – a huge job in itself. Anne has taken on oversight of PSHE (Personal, Social and Health Education) and the development of our Curriculum in school.

As most of you will already be aware, we are keen to meet all Ofsted's criteria for an 'outstanding' school and our visits have shown that progress is being made in all areas. All schools in North Yorkshire have an advisor assigned to them who makes a termly visit, and she also was delighted this term with the progress since her visit in the summer term. We want to thank the teachers and teaching assistants who work so hard to make this happen.

We would also like to thank YOU for your support. As reported in the latest newsletter, the Christmas Fair, organised by FOLS, was a great success, as was the recent welly-walk, fortunately in dry weather this year. The money raised enables additional trips and resources to which our education budget doesn't allow.

Naturally, the children's safety is paramount, and we all appreciate the potential dangers of dropping off, and collecting children, particularly now we have dark evenings and where there is no footpath. The barrier outside the school gate has given extra protection and we await the 30mph limit through the village. Thank you for consideration and care in this regard.

The NY Health & Safety advisor has visited school this term to look at the risk assessments and procedures we have in place. His feedback was very positive about our high standards and the pro-active approach taken by the school.

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

Creates opportunity



Releases potential



Achieves excellence

We would also like to thank you for your support in increasing pupil attendance this year. The figures are published in the newsletter and, while we would not wish children to attend school when they are ill, their attendance is critical to their learning. The school has a target attendance of 97% which is challenged by the authorities if not reaching this very high level. When in school we see how much the children enjoy being there – so thank you for your encouragement in this area.

If you would like to know more about what the governors do, please visit our section on the school website and we would all be happy to meet with you to answer any questions you might have.

We wish you a wonderful Christmas and hope that Santa calls your way. We look forward to joining you for some of the festivities arranged for the next two weeks.

All best wishes for 2019.

Langton Governors