



"All Learning Together"

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Dear Parents

Following on from our last full governors meeting before the half-term holiday, we would like to report back on the latest news and developments happening in Langton School from the Governors' perspective.

As Mrs. Ray brought to your attention in the last school newsletter, attendance is still an ongoing issue for the school. It is being addressed through a new pupil attendance policy developed along with Leavening School whereby a letter will be sent out to parents of those children whose attendance falls below a certain percentage. It was decided that cases of absence will be looked at on an individual basis before a letter is sent out.

Our admission figures for September 2018 remain positive with ten potential names for reception starters, one probable and another nine potential starters who had given Langton as their second choice. The new Stay and Play group which meets in the school hall on Wednesday mornings is also a very good way to introduce new families to our school.

Staffing arrangements were also discussed as we plan for the returns of Mrs Mcilwaine and Miss Auckland after their maternity leaves. Further details will be communicated at the start of the Summer term.

Another piece of good news is that the Sports Premium has been increased for all schools nationally which will allow the school to continue to offer a wide range of sporting activities, not only intra-school but inter-school activities. Even though the school already offers a variety of PE opportunities (having this year received the PE Gold Award) it is now a requirement that all Year 6 children can swim 25 metres when they leave and continue into secondary education. Consequently we plan that any Year 3/4 children who are not achieving this distance will be picked up and funding will be allocated to this need. Parents/Carers are advised to look on the school website to read through the updated information on how the school will be spending the Sports Premium and the Pupil Premium too.

Mrs Ray is part way through a cycle of lesson observations this term and a focus on book scrutiny is being analysed between both Leavening and Langton Schools. This collaboration has enabled teachers working with the same year groups to compare progress and attainment within their classes.

The recent visit from our School Improvement Advisor, Lisa Jones, was very positive and she was particularly pleased that the school is involved a Peer Review Cycle within the Esk Valley Alliance. This

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

Creates opportunity



Releases potential



Achieves excellence

involvement provides an excellent opportunity for Mrs Ray to visit other primary schools and other Heads to visit our school so that good practice can be shared.

The following policies were agreed and adopted: Attendance Management, Allegations of Abuse Against Staff, Schools Hearing and Appeals, Pupil Attendance, Governor Allowances and Governor Disciplinary.

Governors responsible for the following three areas have been in school during the last few weeks to take part in Learning Walks and have each produced a follow-up report regarding Special Educational Needs, English and Maths. All the feedback was very positive indeed and we would like to thank the staff and Mrs Ray for their time and support in organising these visits.

Last but by no means least, we said Goodbye to Roland Sterry who has been our LA governor over the last four years. He has been a very conscientious and wise member of our Governing body and we shall miss his contributions and thoughtful insights terribly. We wish him well in his future ventures and again thank him for all his hard work.

We are always looking at our succession planning on the Governing body as you know, so we continue to ask both parents and friends if you know anyone who may be interested in becoming a governor at Langton School to please contact Mrs Ray or Andrew Priestley our Chair. It is a very rewarding role.

Finally thank you to all the staff at Langton School for their continued hard work and commitment.

The Governing Body