



"All Learning Together"

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Dear Parents,

As we come towards the end of another busy and exciting year, we the governors, would like to report back to you some of the main areas of work and development that have been going on within our school.

First of all the new website is up and running and all staff have had additional training to ensure Class pages are kept up to date. We are very pleased with this new innovative school website so thanks to all involved in getting this off the ground. All the staff have recently completed an exemplar Ofsted questionnaire about the school and their answers have been collated resulting in some very positive feedback. These online questionnaires are given out when a school is being inspected and so are a useful guide and at the moment used for reference only.

The School Maintenance Officer visited the school last week and agreed to repair the retaining wall and potholes in the playground as well as some repointing on the roof. The issue of safety at the school gate continues to be a prime concern. Mrs Ray, Andrew Priestley and Howard Widdall (Chair and Vice-Chair) have met with Councillor Keane Duncan and representatives from the Transport sector of the council. It was agreed to install a barrier just outside the gate as well as place a speed limit sign of 30mph at the entrance to both ends of the village. We hope that these two safety features will be in place by the beginning of the new school year.

Attendance continues to be a main issue that comes up for discussion in our meetings and Mrs Ray has emphasised the importance of regular attendance for every pupil. With this in mind 100% attendance will be rewarded with Attendance Certificates each term and the highest attendance year groups will be highlighted in the fortnightly School Newsletters. Persistent lateness is also being monitored. At the moment the school's overall attendance for the year is 94.3% although 97% is judged as GOOD attendance.

The After School Club is continuing to be very popular and as pupil numbers increase we will look at possible additional staffing arrangements in September, but for the moment we have agreed to keep the price structure the same for the new school year. We are delighted that the school continues to grow and that the general ethos of the school is attracting new parents. At the moment we have 88 pupils starting in September which includes 15 in Reception. This is a positive situation but has required careful planning for September so that we can continue to maintain quality of provision and small teaching groups. If the school continues to grow over the next year the governing body will seriously consider the need to move to a four class structure in the near future.

As many of you are aware there are to be a number of staffing changes in September. We welcome back Miss Rebecca Auckland (HLTA) back after her Maternity Leave. She will work on a 'job share' basis with Mrs Deborah Fox who has recently been appointed and we are pleased that Mrs Kathryn Cummings will be continuing at Langton working five mornings and three afternoons a week. This additional staffing will ensure that teaching groups remain small. We would also like to welcome Mr Dan Walker who will be starting as Class 3 teacher in September and who will be responsible for Maths and P.E. in the school. We will be saying 'Goodbye' to Mrs Sarah McIlwaine and Mr Rob Woods who will be leaving us at the end of this term. They have both played a role in the growth of the school over the last three years and we would like to thank them for their commitment and hard work with the children.

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

Creates opportunity



Releases potential



Achieves excellence

The end of year SATS results have been analysed and discussed and both KS1 and KS2 were very pleasing.

- At KS1
- Reading was 87.5% at expected and 25% at greater depth.
 - Writing was 75% at expected.
 - Maths was 87.5% at expected, 37.5% at greater depth.
 - Combined RWM was 75% at expected.

At KS2 – Both Reading and Writing scores were above the national average, but Maths scores were a little disappointing although in line with school predictions. Overall the average scaled scores were in line with national results.

Based on these results the focus for next year is to work on improving girls' performance in Maths, to increase pupil confidence when tackling more challenging Maths tests, to ensure that Maths is afforded the same time as English and to look at how Maths can be incorporated into the wider curriculum.

Sport too plays an important role in the school and we are delighted to report that the school has been awarded the Gold Games mark for their commitment to sport.

Finally we are pleased to confirm that Andrew Priestley has agreed to continue as Chair for the next academic year and that Anne Conroy has agreed to continue as Associate governor. Her role, updating the Policy Schedule, is invaluable in supporting the Governors and the Headteacher. The latest policies to be adopted at our final meeting this year included Marking and Feedback, Behaviour, PSHE and the School Information Policy.

This year has seen both Langton and Leavening Schools working closely together due to the shared Headship role. This close working relationship led by Mrs Ray has benefitted both staff and pupils and we would like to thank both Mrs Ray and Mrs Laverack for all their hard work which ensured that this collaboration worked successfully.

Thank you again to all the teaching and support staff for all their dedication and continued hard work throughout the year. You have all played an important role in the ongoing success of the school.

Yours,

Langton School Governing Body