



"All Learning Together"

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Dear Parents,

As we come to the end of the first summer half-term we should all be very pleased with the way the Year 6 children conducted themselves in their assessments with their positive and relaxed approach. Our Year 2 children have also worked hard with their SATS and Year 1s are busy preparing for their Phonics Screen in June.

Also on a positive note we now have a full complement of eight governors. We have three new members to the Governing Body – Christine Gilkes (co-opted governor) who runs her own business specialising in supporting organisations to improve performance and personal change. She is Chair of the Board of Trustees for SWR Mind and enjoys her two horses and gardening! Our second new co-opted governor is Howard Widdall who has recently retired from the position of Sales and Marketing Director at a Yorkshire based medical company. Howard is keen to use his experience and knowledge to 'put something back' and help Langton achieve its full potential. Our third new member is Heather Turner (Parent Governor) who is a Science and Humanities teacher at Terrington Hall. Heather returned to work in 2016 after having her two children Maisie and William. When not teaching or being a 'Mum' Heather likes to take part in the Park Run at Dalby Forest! We are fortunate that everyone on the Governing Body can offer different skills and expertise which will be an asset to the school as we move forward.

Governors also agreed that the school website should be updated and it is important that it is both mobile and tablet friendly. The new look website should be live by the end of the summer term.

Langton Primary School has recently taken part in a Headteacher Challenge Day when the Headteachers of Sand Hutton/Warhill and Leavening schools came to Langton for a day to quality assure our own self-evaluation judgements. The report from the day was shared with Governors and we would like to congratulate Mrs Ray on a very positive report which bodes well for our future progress towards becoming an 'Outstanding' school. As part of this progress we are pleased that 13 new children are due to start Reception in September and a further two children to start Year 4.

In June Mrs Ray and our Acting Chair of Governors Mr Priestley will be attending a meeting for Heads and Governors for schools in the local area who are part of the Esk Valley Alliance. Collaborations with other schools are increasingly important as they are becoming the way in which schools learn from one another and share training opportunities. Whilst we continue to work with Norton College, the original plan for us to become part of the Evolution Schools Learning Trust is now less likely to happen as we are considering the changing educational landscape in the local area and more opportunities for collaborations are becoming available.

Three further policies were adopted and agreed – the Business Continuity Plan which includes the addition of a disaster action plan, the Single Equality Action Plan and the Revised Policy Review schedule. We would like to thank all Governors who have been involved in Policy development but particular thanks go to our Associate Governor Anne Conroy who has been instrumental in this.

We are delighted to inform you that we had a successful interview day on Monday where we appointed Miss Roisin Boyle to cover Mrs McIlwaine's maternity leave. We were pleased to have a strong field of candidates and we are sure that Roisin will fit into the staff team at Langton very well.

Finally, we wish everyone a wonderful, relaxing and restful break over the half-term week.

The Governing Body

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

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