

Governors' Newsletter

November 2015

To keep you up to date with recent changes on the Governing Body and initiatives in school, we are delighted to send you our latest Governor newsletter.

Visits

The Governors are happy to hear that Wrens and Swallows Classes had a great time at Coldham Farm making bread and soup. Owls had an interesting time in Swaffham at the Green Britain Centre and we are sure that Herons will enjoy their visit to York to the Yorvik Centre and Dig Experience. The Governors realise that these visits are a valuable experience for the children and enhance the curriculum and their learning.

Review of Governance

Following on from the recent Governor self review as part of the action plan Governors will be in attendance at various school events and would welcome your engagement and suggestions on how, together, we can enhance the children's experience whilst at this school. We would also like to take this opportunity to thank you for returning your questionnaires to help us in the strategic development of the school.

Assessment Without Levels

Following the Government's recent changes to the National Curriculum and assessment procedures all schools now have to develop their own system for assessing attainment and tracking progress. To help you to understand how our school is implementing these the Governors would strongly encourage you to attend the meeting that Miss Willows is organising on Monday 23rd November at 6pm. There will be a Governor presence at the meeting to help to answer any questions that you may have.

It is important that you recognise and understand the shift in expectations of children at different ages and how the curriculum has changed. More emphasis is now placed on children deepening and widening their knowledge and skills.

Library Development



The Governors are delighted with the development of the library facilities and feel sure that this will have a hugely positive impact on the children's reading in and out of school. We thank the PTA for its help with resourcing the new library.

Our current Governors are:

Chair—Peter Horsfield (LEA)
Vice Chair—Nathan Mastin (Parent Governor)

Staff Governor—Sandra Horsfield

Community Governors—Sally Clifton, Helen Lee

Parent Governors—Adele Pool, Claire Brooks

Headteacher—Claire Willows

Associate Governor—Ash Jamieson

We welcome Claire and hope that she enjoy working with us to move the school forwards.



The PTA are busy getting ready for their Christmas Fair on Friday 4th December. We hope that you can attend and support them with this event. The PTA are currently in negotiation with Santa for him to come to Breakfast Café on Monday 14th December. We wish the PTA every success and thank them for their work in providing additional opportunities and resources to enrich the children's curriculum. And finally the Governors would like to wish all of you and your families a very happy Christmas and a healthy New Year.