

Governors' Newsletter

March 2017

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.

Trim Trail

Recently the trim trail has been refurbished and lots of the safety matting around it replaced. This should help to avoid the children getting muddy when they are using this popular area of the playground. The school council, with the help of the PTA, are well on their way to being able to purchase a slide as an addition to this area. Thank you to everybody who has supported the school council in their fundraising efforts.

Magna Science Visit

To coincide with Science Week the school has organised a whole school visit to Magna Science Adventure Centre. This is on the site of an old steel works and offers the children many exciting opportunities to investigate scientific concepts and ignite their interest in science. This visit has been funded by generous donations from local charities and we are very grateful for this. We are sure that the children will have a fantastic time!

Keeping Children Safe Online

During this term the school provided parents with the opportunity to attend a very informative session to support you in keeping your children safe online. We were very disappointed with the poor attendance for what is a very important aspect of children's safeguarding. Parents that attended the session found it very informative and useful, giving them practical ways in which they can put in place parental controls to protect their children when they access different sites on the internet from any device. Given the positive comments from the parents that did attend we are hoping to run another session next year and hope that you will be able to make the time to come along and extend your understanding of keeping your child safe online in the rapidly changing technological world.

Outdoor Gym

Along with the PTA we are currently exploring the idea of providing outdoor gym equipment for the children to use in PE lessons and at break and lunchtimes. We are passionate about providing for the whole child, not just the academic side of school life. The children enjoy being outside and using the trim trail and we feel that this would extend their physical activity opportunities.

Our current

Governors are:

Chair—Peter Horsfield (LEA)

Vice Chair—Nathan Mastin (Parent Governor)

Staff Governor—Sandra Horsfield

Community Governors—Sally Clifton, Lloyd Wyllie

Parent Governors—Jamie Redden, Tracy Norman

Headteacher—Claire Willows

Associate Governor—Adele Pool

It's All Beginning to Add Up!

Since the start of this school year the children have been taking part in a new initiative called TT Rockstars, designed to improve their rapid recall of multiplication facts.

We have been very impressed with the improvement in their mental maths ability. Since the start of the year 60% of all children have increased their recall speed by at least 50%. In Swallows class 81% of the children have improved their speed by 80% or more. We feel that this is a fabulous outcome and congratulate the children on their development. We feel confident that we will see a continued improvement and that this will in turn support children with their written maths work.

