

Governors' Newsletter

Dates of Full Governing Body meetings 2014-2015

- 10th September (evening)
- 20th October (evening)
- 26th November (all day)
- 22nd January (evening)
- 16th March (training session)
- 5th May (evening)
- 15th July (all day)

Copies of the minutes of the meetings are available from the School Office

List of Governors

• Headteacher

Sasha Howard

• Staff governor

Andrew Jones

• Parent governors

Rebecca Arthur

Richard Osborn

• Local Authority (LA) governor

Deborah House (Chair)

• Co-opted governors

Caroline Maskell

Chris Mannix

Emma Tidby

Jon Pumfleet (Vice Chair)

Lyndsay Lees

Robert Ware

If you would like to know more about governance or you are interested in joining the Governing Body, either as a full member or an associate member, please contact Debbie at:

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Meldreth Primary School Governing Body

Autumn Term 2014

From the Chair of Governors...

It has been a very busy term and, once again, the school has experienced a number of changes - new staff, new roles and responsibilities, new initiatives. Consequently, one of the main tasks this term for the Governing Body and Senior Leadership Team (SLT) has been to review and update the school's plans: the Raising Achievement Plan, and the Strategic Plan.

The **Raising Achievement Plan**, which focuses on raising standards, is reviewed and updated each term. For the Autumn Term the main focus areas have been:

Attainment and Progress

- In every class, giving pupils clear feedback through marking that shows them what they need to do to improve their work
 - Develop provision of a skills based curriculum
 - Improve provision and outcomes in writing
- ### *Teaching and Learning*
- Ensure all children make expected progress.
 - To raise the achievement of, and close the gap for, pupils currently working below age expectations

Currently working below age expectations

- Clarify procedures to ensure effective early identification of children with additional needs

Leadership and Management

- Equip and secure Senior Leaders' knowledge and confidence to further impact quality of Teaching and Learning
- To further develop shared whole staff systematic approaches to monitoring and evaluation
- To have a clear policy for assessment, recording and reporting that is consistent and robust

Behaviour and Safety

- To involve families in the life of the school through the use of inclusive family access days
- Developing the School as a Learning Community

The **Strategic Plan**, which outlines the longer term development priorities of the school, is reviewed and updated annually by the governors and SLT. The main focus areas in the current plan are:

Leadership and Management

- New leadership team - roles and responsibilities
- Re-constitution of GB and new committee structure (see below)

Attainment and Progress

- Assessment and the new curriculum
- Impact of Pupil Premium
- Structure and organisation of the school, including extending provision

Behaviour and Safety

- Security of premises
- Wrap-around care policies and practices
- Attendance

Throughout the year we will report on the progress made towards meeting the objectives in the school's plans and on some of the other work being undertaken by governors at the school.

I hope you have a wonderful Christmas.

Debbie



Re-constitution and re-organisation of MPS Governing Body

At the September meeting the Governing Body re-constituted. The main changes include:

- A reduction in the number of governors from 12 to 11
- A change to the categories of governors - the category of community governors has been replaced by co-opted governors
- A reduction in the number of Staff, Parent and (LA) governors

Much of the work of the GB is undertaken by committees and this year it was decided that there should be two main committees:

Children and Learning: this committee monitors the educational performance of pupils and the school. It is also responsible for monitoring the Raising Achievement Plan, Special Educational Needs provision and Safeguarding practices within the school.

Chair: Rebecca Arthur
Clerk: Caroline Maskell

Resources: this committee monitors finances, personnel and premises. It is also responsible for ensuring Health and Safety policies and procedures are in place.

Chair: Richard Osborn
Clerk: Jon Pumfleet



The Governors wish you and your families a restful Christmas

