

END OF YEAR NEWSLETTER

July 24, 2019

A year of change and proud successes



Supporting our school to provide its learners an outstanding education

We are reaching the end of another academic year and I wanted to take a moment to reflect on what changes there have been to school since this time last year. We have once again seen another successful year for our school, we continue to enjoy strong academic progress and achievement across the years and, in line with our school ethos, we are able to offer as wide a range of opportunities as possible to broaden the children's experience.

We have recently received the results of this year's SATs tests. We need to do some more detailed analysis of the results, but first indications are that, once again, we have had a very successful SATs performance. We will share the full picture in September.



High expectations and the pursuit of excellence in all we do.

Our recent Ofsted visit, as you know, confirmed that we are still a **good** school. Thank you for your support in the process; contributing to the Ofsted Parent View survey. Your feedback enables Governors to gauge how our parents are feeling about school. We were extremely pleased to see such positive results.

Stakeholder voice is crucial to good governance some of this is gained in school when we are able to talk to pupils first hand during school visits. We do urge you to take the time to share your views with us. This year, we have looked at ways in which school can communicate more effectively with you and we believe our new building structure and management information systems provide great strides towards improving our communication with you.

Next academic year, school will be undertaking a comprehensive staff survey to ensure that those providing your children with such high-quality learning are doing so in the very best environment possible in terms of support and management.

Improving and providing outstanding education for children in the local area

All governance boards have three core functions:

- Ensuring the clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction;
- Holding leaders to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils, and the effective and efficient performance management of staff; and
- Overseeing the financial performance of the organisation and making sure money is well spent.

This year has been a year of self-evaluation as we have embarked upon a Department for Education initiative called 'Governed'. This is a programme set up to ensure that governing bodies are fulfilling their core functions and developing. We are on the road to completing a Governance Development Plan that will ensure we are providing quality governance; enabling us to support the senior leadership team and staff in providing the best learning environment and curriculum for the children at Meldreth.

Come and Join us!

The Board of Governors at Meldreth Primary School is seeking to recruit new governors to join us. Being a school governor is a challenging but hugely rewarding and Governors do not need to be a parent/carer of a child at school. If you would like to find out more or know someone who can commit time and interest in the school, we would love to hear from you. Contact chair@meldreth.cambs.sch.uk.

Typically, Governors spend 5 to 10 hours per month on Governor duties; attending two meetings per term and coming to these with questions about the reports, which school leaders provide. Governors also specialise based on their expertise by joining a sub-committee, which meets once a term to look in more detail at a particular area of the school's performance. Training is provided.

Changes in Governing Body membership

We say goodbye to.....

Chris Mannix who completed his final term and after nearly 18 years being a governor for our school, providing tremendous support and financial knowledge, we bid him farewell and a very well earned rest!

Lyndsey Lees is also leaving us this year and we thank her for her dedicated work as EYFS and SEN link governor as well as chair of Headteacher performance management committee, her contributions will be missed.

We also bid farewell to our Vice-Chair **Antonio Mariconda**, who since joining us in November 2017 has become chair of children and learning committee and vice chair of the board. We thank Antonio for the significant effort he put into governance and great support he provided.

Finally, we say goodbye to our clerk **Miranda Trenchard** who has supported the governing body through the past years and we welcome new clerk, **Claire White**, who comes very highly recommended.

The Governing body sincerely thanks all staff at Meldreth for their tireless work to create rich learning experiences for our learners. We have said goodbye to many cherished long-standing members of staff this year and welcomed new ones. We, as Governors, are always staggered at how adaptable and willing for change we are as a school and feel immensely proud of what has been achieved by all this year. We look forward to another successful year at Meldreth where children continue to thrive and shine.



Contact Us

We are always keen to hear the view of parents. Please feel free to tell us what you think at any time. You can contact us by:

- Leaving a note/comment addressed to the Chair of Governors in the school office post box
- Emailing: chair@meldreth.cambs.sch.uk