

16th June 2017

Dear Parent/Carer

It is sometimes tempting, as we enter into the home strait of the last half of the summer term, to think about 'taking the foot off the pedal' and coasting to the finish line. That is absolutely not the case for Governors and the school's Leadership Team who continue to press forward with all our efforts focused on school improvement. The latest 'mini review' undertaken by Herts.forLearning provides further encouraging evidence of progress, though notes that we do not yet quite have the consistent levels of good practice which we are aiming for. Where opportunities for further improvement are identified, the Headteacher will be modifying our plans to incorporate the report recommendations.

It has been really satisfying to see the 'satisfaction' figures continuing to rise in Parentview which provides Governors and others with a useful indicator as to how the changes implemented within the school to address a variety of concerns have been received. Another equally valuable feedback tool has been the Action Planning Group, which provides a forum for the Headteacher to talk to parents about progress on school improvement and listen to their views. There will be an Action Plan meeting for parents on Monday 17th July 2017 and all parents are welcome to attend.

One of our four Parent Governors, Susan Chiappinelli, has had to stand down recently due to family commitments. During the time that she was a member of the Governing Body she was a tremendous asset and I thank her for all her hard work. Tracey Bowers, our Vice Chair of Governors is also a Parent Governor and she too will be stepping down shortly, having given four years of terrific service to the school. I am sure you would all wish to join me in thanking Tracey for all her hard work and the important role she has played in recent years as Chair of our Resources Committee and as our nominated Governor responsible for Safeguarding – a very important role on any Governing Body and one she has undertaken with great diligence.

This means that we now have vacancies on the Governing Body for two new Parent Governors. Should this be of interest to any parents who will have a child in the school next year and who might be interested in this important position, then I would encourage them to come forward. Mrs Gant will shortly be sending out details of how to apply, but should anyone have any questions about the role, responsibilities or the sort of work involved, then I or any of the other school Governors would be only too happy to answer them. In order for the school to thrive, we need to maintain a strong Governing Body and part of that strength comes from a broad range of skills and experiences of our Governors. So, if you feel you have something to contribute and are willing to commit the time and effort required, then why not give it a go and consider joining our very own 'Team GB'.

My very best wishes for the weekend

Yours sincerely


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