

Governors' Report to Parents and Carers July 2016

Please find below the final governors' report to parents and carers in this academic year.

Full Governing Body

The full governing body met in the last week of term when they considered the latest pupil performance data reports produced by the deputy head teacher and the evaluations of the latest school improvement plans produced by a range of school leaders. We were able to endorse the areas for improvement/development priorities for next year identified by the school leaders through their thorough evaluation and assessment processes.

We considered the head teacher's report to the governing body and were pleased to note that he has responded, over a four week period, to all the comments made by parents and carers in the governors' questionnaire conducted earlier this year. I hope you feel this demonstrates the school's commitment to working in partnership with you and to acting on your suggestions wherever possible.

We were particularly pleased to note the impressive range of extra- curricular opportunities provided for pupils by our class teachers and the professional development opportunities provided for all staff.

The full governing body reviewed its own work across the year and considered how we could further improve the effectiveness of our meetings. Further consideration will be given to this at the beginning of the next academic year.

Performance and Standards Committee

Paul Berry, committee chair, provides this summary of the committee's work this term

Our final meeting for this school year was a very full one. Continuing our scrutiny of the school curriculum we looked at the impact of actions taken in English, Maths and Science to improve pupil attainment. We had a report from the subject leader on Art and Design, and Design Technology, where we learnt of the strengths and weaknesses in those subjects. The leader for Special Needs reported on how the school is providing support for children who are currently finding learning more difficult. We were pleased to note that within Wiltshire's overall SEN expectation we were well established in most areas.

The school provides a report each year on how staff training is supporting pupil progress and governors were pleased to see a coherent and successful system is in place and working well. Governors noted that the work the school is undertaking with the Achievement for All project is being recognised as a good model and has been put forward for wider recognition.

The Headteacher discussed the organisation of the classes for next year, and governors were able to scrutinise the plans and approve his suggestions.

Finally the governors received an evaluation of the work of the Performance and Standards Committee during this last school year and were able to make suggestions for improving its effectiveness.

On behalf of the governing body, I should like to wish you and your families an enjoyable and relaxing summer break. The governing body looks forward to continuing to work in partnership with you under the leadership of our incoming chair of governors, Angela Hope, during the next academic year.

Margaret Hunt: Chair of Governors 21st July 2016