

# The Governors' Newsletter



## Governors' Newsletter Autumn Term 1 2019

Welcome to the first Governors' newsletter of the school year 2019/20. We held our meeting on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> September.

### Learning Walk

At each Governors' meeting we take a short tour of part of the school to enjoy watching the children as they take part in their lessons. This is to help us understand more of the teaching and learning at Kentmere.

Our learning walk this time took us to visit two, Year 5/6 classes where the children explained to us what they were learning in great detail and were able to answer questions by the teacher. We enjoyed being shown some fantastic robots with electrical components and observed some extremely neat and well-presented information in the children's books. Thanks go to the teachers for allowing us to visit their classrooms and to the children for impressing us with their knowledge and enthusiasm!

### Subject information - Maths

Starting for this meeting, the Governors are given a presentation by a member of the teaching staff about their subject. This time it was about how Maths is taught at Kentmere using the 'Maths No Problem' scheme. Mrs Coleman gave us a very informative understanding of this subject and we were able to have a quick look at some Textbooks and Workbooks which the children use. We also had a quick look at some of the children's own books to see how the children record their answers and methods they use to solve problems. Thanks to Mrs Coleman for explaining so thoroughly how maths is taught and how she supports other school on behalf of Kentmere.

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## Curriculum information

Miss Horton explained to us how Kentmere have changed the ways some subjects are taught. They are called 'Curriculum Fridays' where certain subjects are only taught on this day every week. Again, we had a quick look at a few children's books to see how this is working. It was clear that both staff and children are enjoying the new arrangements.

## Governor Mark Award

We are continuing our preparation for this award and have arranged our next meeting after October half term.

## Safeguarding

The governors are committed to continuing their responsibilities in this important area. We received Safeguarding refresher training by Clair Heap from the Local Authority as part of our meeting to keep us up to date.

## Governor News...

Sadly, Mr Tuseef Ahmed has resigned as a Governor due to growing work commitments. We would like to thank him for his attendance and input as a Parent Governor at meetings and wish him well in the future.

Finally, as October half term approaches, the Governors would like to thank all families for their continued support for the school and to Mrs Isberg, Mrs Howard and the staff for their hard work this half term. I wish you all a pleasant holiday!

Mr Simon Day

Chair of Governors

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