

The Governors' Newsletter



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Welcome to the first Governors' Newsletter of the new school year.

It was great to see all the children settled into their new classes on my recent visit and all the classrooms looking so vibrant and interactive.

I had the pleasure of meeting many parents at one of the Parent/Teacher meetings a couple of weeks ago. Many thanks to those who took time to complete our questionnaire and I am proud to say that your responses were so positive. It is so good to know that the work of the school is overwhelmingly supported by families and that you have much faith in the work the staff do to ensure children are safe, happy and receiving an excellent education! Special thanks to Mr Tuseef Ahmed, one of our Parent Governors for helping out that afternoon!

As Governors, we are keen to help parents understand the different ways in which we support and challenge the school and an idea of what we discuss at our meetings. So, in some newsletters there will be an update from our previous meeting to keep you informed.

At each meeting we have a quick report from different members of staff who update us about every aspect of what happens in school. This means we can keep a check on things such as:

- making sure the school's money is spent wisely and always for the benefit of children
- knowing how well classes and different groups of children are making progress during the year (this information is in NUMBERS only)
- how the excellent behaviour is encouraged
- what things are planned to further improve the school.

We also get reports from some teachers in the form of 'Action Plans.' These show us how certain subjects and areas will develop and further improve teaching over the year. During the year we find out what has been achieved.



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As individual governors, we meet regularly with a member of staff for certain things such as Safeguarding, Health and Safety, Early Years, Assessment and Inclusion. We report back to the next meeting so that all Governors have the information.

We have just introduced two extra things to our meetings which we particularly enjoy: we do a short 'learning walk' around part of the school and see ourselves the lessons and activities the children are enjoying. Secondly, a different group of children including Prefect Council, School Council, Digital Leaders and Sports Crew come to our meetings and briefly explain their important role in school. We can also ask them questions about what they do. We are ALWAYS so impressed with their confidence, enthusiasm and how seriously they take their role!

We have a termly 'Governors' Award which is given to a child who has made fantastic improvements over the term. This is always a very hard choice, but it is a great pleasure to present this award in an assembly.

We also try to attend different events such as special assemblies, school planning meetings and concerts.

I hope this gives you a good idea about what we do as Governors. We do all this work voluntarily because we all want the best for the children at Kentmere and are proud to be part of the school and the fantastic work it does.

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