
Governor Newsletter

Highlights 2016/2017 Summer 2017



Resources committee is responsible for ensuring that processes and procedures are carried out within Financial Regulations and all school resources including buildings are maintained. Our main task is to annually set and agree the budget and forecast for the next 3 years.

We feel the current arrangements put in place by the school ensure we are currently in a healthy financial position. We are constantly reviewing Government proposals that we hear about in the press and feel that we are financially secure as a small village school at the moment but maintaining pupil numbers now and into the future is vital.

Standards & Achievements Committee Our focus is to monitor the curriculum and how it is delivered, looking in depth at the progress of all children and the quality of teaching.

Monitoring this year has shown that the school offers a rich and varied experience for all children across the school. Overall, the school has made excellent progress in mathematics and we feel the help offered to those children with special educational needs is very good.

Since 2015 the school has introduced many new teaching approaches (such as Talk for Writing in English). These are starting to pay dividends to the quality of teaching ensuring a more uniform, structured approach throughout.

Over the year we have monitored the progress of the most able pupils to ensure they are challenged appropriately. We feel that procedures are being put in place to ensure every child is reaching their full potential.

Ethos Committee has been created this year to ensure that we celebrate our Christian distinctiveness as a church school and that both Christian and British Values underpin all aspects of school life. We have been monitoring collective worship, ensuring religious education is at the heart of the school curriculum and encouraging links between the school and our parish church.

Other Key Highlights

- Ongoing Safeguarding monitoring
- Working with the school to increase outdoor learning & science
- Driving discussion with local authority and other local schools to identify areas where collaboration can benefit our children
- Supporting the school to help increase its profile with ideas such as attending May Day
- Helping to introduce 'purple learners' which encourages pupils to embrace challenge and learn from their mistakes

Thank you to those parents who attended our parent/governor meeting. We welcome your thoughts and will now discuss the comments made.

Last but not least a huge thank you to the staff whose hard work, dedication and support throughout the year ensure the continued progress and success of the school.

The Governing Body

Head Teacher: Mike Riches

Clerk: Helen Parry

Chair of Governors: Ellie Blanch (& Parent Governor)

Vice Chair: Rob Taylor

Parent Governor: Ann Mora

Staff Governor: Amy Lyall

Foundation Governors: Sandra Sparkes and Carol Snow-Budd

Co-opted Governors: Di Pardoe, Ben Clarke & Mark Kirkham

Local Authority Governor: Jess Lewis

Pupil Premium

Pupil Premium is additional funding for schools to raise the attainment of disadvantaged pupils. This means that if your child qualifies for free school meals - even if they are in Reception, Yr 1 or Yr 2 and get them anyway - by completing a form (available from the office) you can ensure that the school receives extra money to help with your child's education.

This year we have worked with the school to ensure that this additional money was spent effectively in areas such as forest schools, small group learning, tuition and music. Full details are on the school website

<http://www.ironactonprimaryschool.co.uk/learning/pupil-premium>