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Governors Summer 2021 Newsletter

Welcome everyone to the latest Governors Newsletter. A little like last year, it seems to have been a long and eventful time in school but as ever we have all helped each other through it. We really hope that the lessons we have all learned will make our school even stronger and better than it has ever been. As restrictions are relaxed prior to summer, we all have something to look forward to though we still need to be extra vigilant and ready for any changes in how we continue to live with Covid 19.

We warmly welcome our newest Governor, Victoria Williams as a Parent Governor, and hope that she finds the role as fulfilling as we all do on the Governing Body. We look forward to filling the two outstanding Foundation Governor posts within the next school year. Much more information about the Governors Board can be found on the school website and as ever if you have any questions of us, they should be directed through the Clerk to Governors, Lorraine Morris preferably via email.

Throughout this year the Governors have continued to meet virtually and taken part in numerous on-line training, workshops, and audits, the most recent being our Ofsted Inspection. We all really can't wait to get back in person see each other and celebrate our school's great achievements though we realise virtual may become something that remains for a while yet.

Ofsted! In early June we had received that phone call we all await informing us that our assessment was due. We had anticipated and prepared well for the review. The Governors took part in a very productive online discussion with the Assessors and although the final outcomes and comments are not yet released, we will consider any feedback they provide. However, we expect that all our years of high achievement will be acknowledged and appreciated. As Governors we always remind our school that despite the high importance and profile of the Assessment, we always focus on what we expect and achieve. Ofsted is a periodic measure of standards, though we as a Governing Body continually monitor our all-round performance and achievements.

Challenge Partners is a charity run by fellow Educational Practitioners from across the country. The Quality Assurance Peer Review took place on 28th and 29th June. You may think so soon after Ofsted we would have deferred this, but we remain committed to gain a holistic view of our school. There were so many positive elements of feedback some of which are:

- Our senior leaders are good role models and mentors for staff,
- All our leaders are contributing towards the great successes of our school,
- We use many resources to improve learning and measure it well,
- All our staff groups feel proud to be part of our school,
- Our SEND provision is good,
- Our pupils are proud of their school.
- We will continue to encourage our pupils to explore their ambitions and how to achieve them.

Again, the full report will be published on our website shortly.

In our never ending strive for improvement we have also undergone the Southern Area Schools Partnership Peer Review. Again, with many criteria such as attainment, finance, behaviour, and



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quality of education being measured by our colleagues in other nearby schools, we achieved the highest rating possible. So, it is safe to say, that despite all the disruptions that Covid 19 has brought we have been extensively quality assured,

We have also achieved Rights Respecting schools Bronze Award. This award is hosted by The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF). The award measures how our children recognise and respect the human rights of others. We have made a commitment to teach and learn about rights, through rights and for rights. Sue Orme is our Governor link, supporting our ongoing achievements towards this award. We have also committed to achieve the Silver Award early in Autumn and then the Gold Award so watch this space and of course we will post updates when we can.

<https://www.unicef.org.uk/rights-respecting-schools/>

As a school we are about supporting children's speech, language and communication so have signed up with I-CAN the children's communication charity. We are committed to improving our classroom environment, visual support systems, strategies and interventions, resources where needed and training to improve our knowledge and skills to support our children with Speech, language, and communication needs (SLCN). More information can be found at: <https://ican.org.uk/about-us/>

So, a busy year and more to come. It just remains for the Governing Board to say, as we march towards the Summer break, that we owe a huge debt to all our staff who continually remain committed to having our children's education and wellbeing as their priority. Their professionalism is the main reason why our school achieves so highly. You as parents and Guardians have also this year had to play more of a role in our extended school and that too has contributed greatly to our continued success.

Thank you to all and everyone and have a great and safe summer!

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Kind regards,

Daryl Oprey
Chair of Governors

And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

Hebrews 10:24-

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