

Governors Newsletter – Term 6 2017-2018

The year has flown by, it seems like only yesterday I was writing to you to celebrate the end of the last school year! As we reach the end of another school year, it is good to reflect on all the achievements, challenges and joys of being part of our lovely school. It is also a good opportunity to thank all those who contribute to the success of school and create a great learning environment for our children.

Thank you :

- As a Governor, it has been an honour and a huge privilege to have worked alongside Mrs Troth for many years now. In a few words, Mrs Troth has played an immense part in the development and success of HCPS. Her help throughout the years has been invaluable and has brought a great weight of professional experience and expertise. I cannot thank Mrs Troth enough for her dedication and drive. I wish her the very best in her new career.
- A huge thank you to PAFA for putting together events throughout the year to help raise important funds for the school. A massive ‘well done’ for their latest achievement at Knockholt carnival 2018 : “Best decorated float”
- To the pupils who have helped each other learn better and feel safer whether in school groups or in the classroom and playground
- To the Teachers and all other staff who have helped each child learn and achieve
- A special thank you to the school council, for sharing their ideas with the Governors once a term. We are always grateful to witness your willingness to make our school an even better school.
- It is the job of governors to oversee the way school is developing. That’s quite a big task and I should like to thank all the volunteer governors and staff governors for tirelessly taking forward key aspects of school life.

The key areas of focus for the governing body are to ensure that the school has a robust development plan that challenges our children and staff to achieve high standards; that the implementation of this is continuously monitored and is achieved; and that revenue and capital funding is spent effectively.

To achieve the above, here is a summary of what the governors have done during the school years in addition to the 3 full day monitoring visits (Term 1, Term 3 and Term 5) :

- Book inspections covering Maths, English and handwriting....
- Meeting with the curriculum lead teachers
- Ensuring that our policies are appropriate and meet statutory requirements
- Continuing to use various sources of available data to assess school's progress
- Monitoring Finance
- Weekly meeting with the Headteacher
- Termly meeting with school council
- Accompanying children to various school trips
- Participating in a number of workshops (Buds, Saplings, Oak and Willow)
- Implementing the PE sports premium governor's role
- Termly Health and Safety meeting
- Termly Governors coffee morning
- Analysing the latest parents questionnaire (written report to follow in Term 1)
- Attending the Full Governing Board meeting termly
- Developing a termly Governors action plan
- Regularly sharing good practice with governors from other schools
- Attending governors training

Our village school is a part of a community and communities work best when everyone feels able to play their part.

We hope you have a great summer break and look forward to another happy year at HCPS starting in September. To those who are moving on to new schools we say thank you for being a part of HCPS and hope that you will continue to learn and grow in your new school.

Patricia M Dunmall

Chair of Governors