



THRESHFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL

'Flying together as we grow and learn'

Governor Newsletter - July 2017

As the end of the academic year approaches, I wanted to take the opportunity to update you on what has been happening over the past term.

Governors

Sadly two of our Governors have stepped down. Grant Mallalieu-Black has been a school governor for over 15 years. He has served as Chair of the Finance Committee and also Chair of Governors, giving hours of his time to serve the school. We will miss his expertise and wisdom but wish him all the best as he prepares to move house in July. Leigh Anne Sumner has served as a parent governor. She was very insightful and went out of her way to help the school. We are deeply thankful to them for the sacrifices they made to help make Threshfield School the place it is.

We are delighted that two new Governors have joined the Governing Body. Angela Canning lives locally and has a lot of knowledge of working in the public sector. Andy Coe works for Threshfield Quarry and brings with him experience in mentoring and building teams. We are grateful to both of them for giving up their time for the school.

There are still a number of vacancies on the Governing body and if anyone would be interested in joining then please speak to any member of the Governing body. They would be happy to discuss what it involves and details of all Governors can be found on the school website.

Progress

This past term, we have been working hard to ensure that the school continues to progress and is working towards its development plan. The Governors have been monitoring pupils progress through visiting school to discuss with teachers, book scrutiny, pupil conferencing and attending the merit assemblies. Displays of the children's hard work can be seen around school on the walls both inside and outside the classroom.

We are also very proud of all the staff and children in achieving fantastic SATs results. The hard work and dedication put in by the pupils and the teachers certainly has paid off. Congratulations to you all.

Pupil Premium

Please could I draw your attention to one area that we would like to encourage as it may provide huge benefits for the pupils within school. Pupil premium is additional money the school receives for pupils who are in some way disadvantaged (this could include adoption, looked after children, armed forces children, those whose parents are receiving some form of benefits or those who have been eligible for free school meals within the past 6 years).

The substantial amount of money received is used to help these pupils to have extra assistance where needed or to subsidise their school trips, intervention resources, breakfast club and after school clubs, including WHOOSH. With budgets constantly cut in education, this money could be an enormous help to your child and also of benefit to the school, so if you think you may be eligible, please speak to Mr. Cook or Mrs. Whitaker in the school office.

On behalf of the Governing Body, I would like to wish those pupils who are leaving Threshfield Primary School on July 21st lots of happiness in their new schools. May I also wish you all a wonderful summer and thank the staff for their hard work and commitment to the school this year.

Sophie Caygill

Vice Chair of Governors