



Whitgreave Primary School

Governor Newsletter

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Term One as Whitgreave Primary School

Happy New Year—we wish you a very happy 2019! Autumn Term was our first term working officially as Whitgreave Primary School. Staff, Parents and Children are reporting positive views on the merge of the two schools. Onwards and upwards—we can't wait to see what the rest of the year brings us.

LA Audit

On Monday 21st January 2019, the Local Authority will be visiting the Primary School to complete an audit of our Governors and their practice. They will ask questions and observe paperwork in order to ensure that we are performing effectively. We will let you know the outcome as soon as we can.

Link Meetings

Tuesday 23rd October 2018—Finance Meeting

Due to it being the start of a new academic year, there were lots of new policies to review. Governors were sent the policies in advance and they were all discussed and accepted at this meeting.

Thursday 29th November—SEN Link Governor Meeting

Jayne Pownall met with Mrs Merrick to talk about SEN across the Primary. Due to changes in legislation and paperwork, they spent their time getting to grips with EHCP paperwork and what it now entails. Jayne was very surprised to see how much evidence is expected to support the applications that school makes.

Tuesday 11th December—Outcomes Meeting

Mrs Parker met with Brenda and the Junior Leadership Team. They looked at books from EYFS - Year 6. The children shared examples of AFL strategies, for e.g. S2S, LO/Challenge, TRYS and WOWs, Self and Peer Assessment, Assessment Front Sheets etc. They also discussed the lesson monitoring they had completed with the Subject Leaders.

Thursday 29th November 2018—Full Governing Board Meeting

Governors roles within committees were reviewed and staff were assigned new roles, dependent upon their interests/experiences and schools requirements. Please see below for further information. All Governors also received a Safeguarding update from Mrs Dingley. More policies were also discussed and accepted.

Wednesday 19th December—Behaviour and Welfare Meeting

Led by Mrs Hyett, with Adrian and Graham in attendance. Miss M Matthews and Mrs Terry also attended to speak to the Governors. They discussed Forest Schools provision and Mentoring sessions. Then pupils that do Forest Schools came in and told the Governors all about the activities they do with Mrs Terry, what skills they learn and how FS has helped them.

Stay and Play

The Governors are pleased to announce the school's new Stay and Play scheme, which will be launching on **Monday 21st January 2019**.

The session will take place every week in the KS1 hall and will be suitable for babies and children aged up to 3 years.

We will be taking part in lots of fun activities and best of all, the session will be free to attend,

We really look forward to seeing you there.

Governor Bio:

Chris Pearson

As a local Police Officer, I have worked with Whitgreave Primary School now for a number of years, supporting them whenever possible and developing close links. I am a newly-appointed Co-opted Governor who is learning quickly about all aspects of school life. I love being a part of the Whitgreave community and having an input within the lives of our young people.

Governor Roles—Update!

Some of our Governors have moved to new committees. Here's an updated list:

SIP/Safeguarding/Curriculum: Mr Albutt, Mrs Butters, Mrs Guest, Mrs Dingley, Mrs Hyett, Mrs Merrick, Mrs Parker, Brenda Hawkins, Chris Pearson, Jayne Pownall, Graham Smith and Scott Smith.

Quality of teaching, Learning and Assessment: Mrs Brittain and Kerry Tanner

Leadership and Management: Mrs Cox and Scott Smith

Outcomes: Brenda Hawkins and Jayne Pownall

Early Years: Brenda Hawkins and Kerry Tanner

SEND: Kara Jones and Graham Smith

Finance: Mrs Millington, Brenda Hawkins, Kara Jones, Adrian McDowell, Mrs Merrick and Kerry Tanner

Safeguarding and compliance: Chris Pearson, Jayne Pownall

Personal Development, Behaviour and Welfare: Adrian McDowell and Graham Smith.

Next Meeting:

Thursday 24th
January—
Curriculum
Committee
Meeting

Thursday 28th
February - Full
Governing Board
Meeting

Thursday 21st
March—Finance
Committee
Meeting