



Whitgreave Primary School

Governor Newsletter

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Governor Review Day – Monday 9th July 2018

At this event, the Governors met to discuss the year as a whole. The Review Day is held once every July and along with the Governors, Mrs Redfern analyses the progress school has made against the targets we set in Autumn Term. It is also a great opportunity for us to hear all about the progress of the children in their EYFS data, Phonics Baseline or the KS1 and KS2 SATS. Subject Leaders from across school were asked to attend the meeting to present the actions they have completed to develop their subject within school this year. Mr Bell, Mrs Hyett, Mrs Parker, Mrs Barratt, Mrs Merrick, Mrs Dingley, Mr Albutt and Mrs Guest all presented and did a fantastic job—well done and thank you to those staff members! As usual, the afternoon session kicked off with a quiz to get the Governors thinking—Mr Albutt got us all thinking by adding a Black Country twist!

Link Meetings

Thursday 26th April 2018—SEN Governor Meeting

Jayne Pownall visited EYFS and KS1 to meet with Mrs Merrick (SENCO). We observed various Interventions that were taking place and Jayne reported how she could see procedures implemented by the KS2 staff were now beginning to be evident in EYFS and KS1. Mrs Hamilton also presented to Jayne whilst she was in school, with a focus on Workstations—something we use to encourage independence with children, whilst practising key skills.

Thursday 26th April 2018—Full Governing Body Meeting

Amongst other information shared and discussed, Mrs Redfern gave her Head Teacher's Report for the term. The report included information on: progress against the School Improvement Plan, an analysis of pupil progress and attainment and information about Pupil Premium and Sports Premium money.

Thursday 24th May 2018—Curriculum Governor Meeting

Mrs Guest, Mrs Hyett and Mr Albutt all gave presentations to the Governors about the impact of their actions within their subject areas.

Thursday 21st June 2018—Finance Meeting

Total Finance, alongside Mrs Millington (School Business Manager) gave Governors presentations about the budgets of the schools. Mrs Redfern also gave a staffing update.

School Merge

On Friday 20th July 2018, Whitgreave Infant and Whitgreave Junior will close their doors for the final time, ready to open as

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in September 2018.

We would like to take this opportunity, as the Governing Board, to thank anyone who has supported either school in it's journey to date.

We cannot wait to see what the future holds for Whitgreave Primary School.

Governor Bio:

Kerry Tanner

I have been in post as a Parent Governor for the past five years at Whitgreave Infants and I'm super excited to continue as part of the new Whitgreave Primary. Whitgreave really is a wonderful place to learn, staff are very caring and our children thrive because they are at the heart of everything we do. Four of my five children have attended the schools and I'm hopeful that my fifth child will also be offered the opportunity to join next year. I am also very proud to be a past pupil of Whitgreave. Outside of Whitgreave, I'm a nurse and in my spare time I enjoy crafting and helping out with activities for children at a local church. Exciting opportunities are ahead and I'm always happy to help in any way I can.

What does a Governor do?

The Governing Board consists of 13 Governors, 3 elected by parents, 1 by the LA, 1 by the Staff, 1 Head Teacher and 7 Co-opted appointed by the Governors to represent the Local Community.

The Governors are actively engaged in the life of the school, though not in terms of the day-to-day management which is the responsibility of the Head Teacher.

- Governors Attend the Governing Board meetings each year, read agendas and minutes, prepare challenge;
- They become members of committees which meet at least once a term, or as necessary;
- They attend training sessions, as appropriate and remain aware of their own training needs;
- They also form part of a Link Governor Team, utilising this role to monitor school improvement.

Next Meeting:

Thursday 4th October—SIP/ Safeguarding/ Curriculum

Tuesday 23rd October— Finance

Thursday 29th November—Full Governing Board