



A Note From The Governors



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WATCH THIS SPACE!

Dear Parents,

This is the first of what will be a termly newsletter from the governors to parents. In these we aim to keep you up to date with what governors have been doing and discussing. There will also be a governor profile each time, so that you can get to know a bit more about the individuals that make up the governing body (they come from many different walks of life).

At the recent meeting of the full governing body, one of the things we discussed was our governor development plan. A key part of our plan is to improve communications between governors and parents, and for us to become a more visible presence around the school, so that people get to know us. This newsletter is the first step of the process.

As well as our termly full governing body meetings, governors meet in sub groups (committees). These are: The Achievement Committee, Resources Committee, Pay Committee, and the Succession Planning Committee. Each governor also has an individual responsibility to focus on within the school, and these can be seen on the governor pages on the school website.

Governors already make visits to the school to meet with staff and to find out more about the teaching and learning. We will shortly be getting governors badges so that we can be easily identified as governors whenever we are in school. We also hope to attend more school events, such as parent coffee mornings, school assemblies and other school activities. We would be happy to receive any suggestions from parents about how we can improve communications.

The governors are also keen to meet and get to know the children, to find out what they think about the school, and their learning. We will start by arranging to meet with the school council, then perhaps with other groups of pupils later on, as well as chatting to them more informally by, for example, joining them for lunch now and again.

In this space each time, we will feature, in detail, one or two places which are free to visit, and which are good for Family visits. As a start, here is a list of some interesting places but without full details as yet

- Surrey Docks Farm
- Crystal Palace Park (dinosaurs)
- Horniman Museum
- Royal Observatory, Greenwich
- Imperial War Museum
- Museum of Docklands
- Natural History Museum
- Science Museum
- British Museum
- Bank of England Museum
- Ragged School Museum
- Tate Modern, and Tate Britain both have activities for children during holidays and at weekends.
- Stay and Play, Coin Street Neighbourhood Centre (children 8 and under)
- Free swim at the Castle Sports Centre (Saturday and Sunday)

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'Education is the most powerful weapon we can use to change the world' Nelson Mandela

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Have a great weekend!

Yours sincerely

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