

Launde Primary School

Governor Newsletter

June 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

As this most unusual year is drawing to a close, we would like to share with you our reflections of the year and some of the key events and tasks the Governing Body has undertaken this term as although the school has been closed to many of our pupils, much has continued to take place.

The Governing Body have continued to hold meetings albeit virtually so we have been able to be kept fully informed of the school decisions and actions and the response to the government's directions.

We are pleased to report that we have been impressed, as always, with the diligence and actions the school has completed towards helping pupils at home and, laterally, returning to school for children in Foundation, Year 1 and Year 6. On the school website, Miss Sandhu filmed the classrooms in Foundation Stage and Year 1 to show the many differences that have been made around the school.

The school, as it has done throughout all this time, will follow the government guidelines regarding the next academic year provision and we, as governors, have no doubt that the school's dedicated teaching team will be ready to support children when we return to school. We would like to thank the staff team for all their hard work.



The Governing Body were pleased to hear that whole school awards have continued to be completed this year and would like to thank the staff for their work towards these. The school has received two awards from Leicestershire Sports Partnership that recognise the importance the school places on keeping physically and mentally healthy and the sport parents have been encouraging at home.

Other awards the school has achieved this year are the Healthy School Award following a whole School review that took place this year led by Miss Dale and Mrs Merz and the School Games Mark Gold level led by Mr Squires and Miss Bentley. Our thanks go to all the teachers who have been working on these awards alongside their teaching commitments over the year.



The Governing Body have been updated each term about the training the teachers have taken part in, both before and during the lockdown period, to further develop strategies to support the children's learning experiences at school.

As part of our governing body meetings this term, we had presentations from the English, maths and Creative Team Leaders. The Subject Leaders shared how they had met the objectives for each subject set at the beginning of the school year, the additional work completed during school closure and the objectives for next year. We would like to thank the teachers concerned for the time and effort in preparing this information for us. Thanks to Mr Woodhead and Mrs Williams (English Team Leaders), Mrs Sitaram and Miss Barratt (Maths Team Leaders) and Mrs Nerney (Creative Team Leader).

We, as governors, would like to thank the staff for providing such a strong virtual experience during the period of school closure. We are sure that, along with all the hard work and support from our school's families during this time, our pupils will be in a good position to continue to grow and develop next academic year. What lockdown has taught us as Governors is that IT is crucial for keeping in touch. In school, the system in place for contact through the OneDrive was adequate however senior leaders want to improve this further and we have been informed about a new system that will be in place for the new academic year.

When reflecting on the year, we can see how much has taken place for the pupils to ensure they have the best experience possible and although there have been decisions that wouldn't please all parents, we can be sure that all were made based on ensuring the very best pupil outcomes for all our pupils and with the school's vision at the heart:

'Every child's academic, artistic, physical and social potential will be developed to the full within the Launde Family.'

Finally, the Governing Body would like to take this opportunity to say thank you and farewell to Miss Brittain, Miss Davies and Mr Vadera, three teachers who are leaving to other schools. Mrs Jones and Mrs Gondal are also leaving from the support staff team. The Governing Body would like to thank them for all their hard work for our pupils.

We wish you all a safe holiday time and we look forward to continuing to working for you as your Governing Body next year.

From Launde Governing Body

