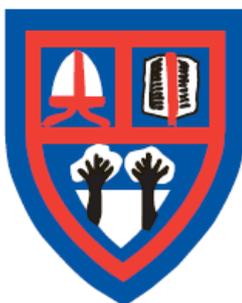


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Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to 2018/19 and we hope everyone has had good starts to the new year. We would like to welcome the new parents and children to the school

As governors we have decided that we will be sending out termly newsletters so that parents are able to see the type of work we do to support the children. In this newsletter we would like to introduce ourselves so that you get to know us.

At the moment we have 8 governors with a variety of skills and expertise to support and challenge the school leaders in their drive for school improvement. The governors are as follows:

- Surendra Patel – Chair of Governors, Parent Governor, Member of Finance Committee
- Andre Timothy – Vice Chair of Governors, Parent Governor
- Jackie Sheffield – Parent Governor, Responsible for Safeguarding / SEN
- Malvinder Plaha – Parent Governor, Member of Finance Committee
- Faisal Tayebjee – Trust Appointed Governor, Member of Finance Committee
- Kathryn Priddey – Head of School
- Jamal Mukadam – Staff Governor
- Darren Wragg – Staff Governor
- Inderjit Sandhu – Executive Headteacher in attendance at meetings
- Jemma Linnell – Clerk

Currently the Governors meet twice each term as the Full Governing Body. In addition, there is a Finance Committee who meet once a term to oversee the school finances.

There are two vacancies on the Governing Body, one for a parent governor which will go out to election and the other is a Trust appointed governor vacancy.

Governor Duties

As part of our work we have to hold the school to account, this has been carried out by us scrutinising the school data and asking challenging questions about the data. Throughout last year the senior staff were asked how well the school was performing. We are pleased to inform you that the first year 6 data that Launde achieved was well above the national average across the subjects. The combined scores are provisionally at 77.4%. We would like to congratulate the school staff and children for working hard to achieve these results. We know that the school will not only maintain these but will endeavour to improve upon them.

In addition to data we look at the school development plan and the key focus is on continuing to improve teaching and learning in all classrooms. Each term the Headteacher presents a termly report

which includes all aspects of school life including the school development plan and how far the staff have achieved the different aspects of it. This is a useful document as it gives Governors a rounded picture of everything that happens within school to enhance your children's experiences both within and out of the classroom.

The priorities for the coming year are improving reading at KS1 and maths within KS2.

Governor Visits

Part of the governor responsibilities is to visit the school and monitor the activity within. Though it is early in the term the governors have already visited twice, one to monitor the training that the staff undertook at the beginning of this year and a second visit to have a look around. Previously governors have visited to monitor Launde Care and carry out the annual safeguarding audit. In each newsletter the governors will report on the visits undertaken.

In addition to the above the Governors had a meeting with Glenfield Governors, Trustees and Members to review the successes and achievements of last year and plan the year ahead.

School Building News

Applications were made last year for new building but unfortunately we were not successful despite the DFE seeing the need for the replacement building, so once again the school will be submitting a new bid for a building to replace the outer classrooms. As a result of retaining the children at year 6 there was a need to have additional classrooms and a short term measure was taken by converting the old hall. However, as the bids for new classrooms have not been successful and there is no guarantee in the next round, it has been decided that an annex to the existing hall will be added to increase the hall capacity. This will start as soon as possible subject to planning permission.

Staffing News

This year we welcomed a number of new teachers and support staff to the school who have added to the wealth of experience already at Launde. Over the year we will be visiting the school to see the staff teaching.

Governor Training

As part of the role governors are expected to undertake training to ensure that we carry out all the statutory duties, this coming year governors have undertaken the following training

Look out for the next Governor newsletter at the end of November.