



Governor Newsletter - Issue 2

May 2014



Welcome

Once again it has been an extremely busy term. There have been lots of exciting things going on within school in addition to a range of events and performances. The students have been working exceptionally hard this term and there have been many incredible achievements for them to celebrate. They have certainly deserved their Easter break!

Ofsted Inspection

As you are aware, we received a monitoring visit from Ofsted during the previous term. The visit looked closely at the development plan formulated by the school and Governing Body and at the subsequent progress the school has been making in response to Ofsted recommendations. The inspector was extremely encouraged with the progress the school had made, and followed this up with a further visit to Dormston in February.

I am pleased to inform you that this second monitoring visit was equally encouraging, with the inspection team noting the relentless focus upon teaching and learning which is rapidly driving our school improvement forward. We look forward to our next visit which is scheduled for the summer term.

Parent Meeting

A meeting with parents and carers will be held at school on the evening of Wednesday 30th April 2014 to discuss our continuing progress. The meeting will be attended by the Headteacher and representatives from the Governing Body in the hope of providing you with the opportunity of discussing school improvement issues further with us and sharing your views.

Governor Duties

The Governing Body has been extremely busy recently in support of the school. Some of the work carried out by governors this term includes:

January 2014

- ✓ governors attended a Local Authority Progress Review;
- ✓ the School Improvement Committee met to discuss improvement priorities;

- ✓ governors completed skills audits and a review of governance;
- ✓ our Curriculum Committee met to discuss curriculum improvements;
- ✓ governors carried out school visits, learning walks and pupil voice interviews.

February 2014

- ✓ governors attended training on attainment and progress data;
- ✓ the full Governing Body met to discuss progress against agreed priorities;
- ✓ governors met with Her Majesty's Inspector to discuss progress against Ofsted recommendations;
- ✓ the Resources Committee met to discuss buildings, finance and staffing issues;
- ✓ the School Improvement Committee met to discuss progress;
- ✓ governors carried out school visits, performances, learning walks and pupil voice interviews.

March 2014

- ✓ the full Governing Body met to prioritise the work of governors for the coming term;
- ✓ governors attended a Local Authority briefing, a meeting with DfE representatives, school visits and performances, and an Effective Governance training session;
- ✓ the School Improvement Committee met to discuss ongoing issues.

April 2014

- ✓ the Resources Committee met to review progress against ongoing buildings, finance and staffing priorities;
- ✓ the School Improvement Committee met to review the termly progress made against the School Development Plan and agree future priorities;
- ✓ governors attended a Parent Forum meeting to assess our ongoing school progress and also attended a briefing session on changes to teachers pay and conditions.

As always, I would like to thank you for your continued support.

George Craig

Chair of Governors