Chair of Governors

Introduction (Angus Watson)

I am pleased to issue the third newsletter from the Moseley C of E Governing Body. As you will be aware, earlier this term Ms Sumner took on the role of Executive Head Teacher at Hawksley Church Primary Academy, whilst remaining Substantive Head at Moseley C of E. Miss Edwards has taken on the role of Head of School at Moseley C of E. The Governing Body wishes to thank Miss Edwards, the Senior Leadership Team and the teaching and support staff for stepping up during this time and continuing to deliver outstanding leadership and teaching at the school. The transition to the new arrangements have gone extremely well, ensuring that the high standards and commitment to the well-being of the children has continued.

SUCCESS !!

In the recently published Primary School League tables, Moseley C of E were placed 17th out of 357 schools for attainment in the Local Authority. (based on KS2 2018 results). Ms Sumner also received a letter from the DfE congratulating Moseley CE on being in the top 6% nationally for Y1 phonics screening, with 97% of the 2018 cohort meeting the standard. A phenomenal achievement – a huge congratulations to the whole team and to the children and families!

School Development:

Quotes have now been obtained for the replacement of the Reception playground, which the PTA are supporting. We are also replacing the Reception fence to ensure full safety of the children whilst they are exploring the outdoor environment. Mrs Treacher has secured funding for this from the diocese. All internal doors have now been replaced with compliant doors. We have also implemented our new fob system, especially useful in the event of a fire, allowing us to quickly account for all staff and pupils.

Governing Body and Committee Meetings

The full Governors Meetings have been held in September and December 2018. The Head Boy and Head Girl delivered an excellent presentation in December on their findings from pupil well-being surveys. The September meeting saw the election of the Chair (Angus Watson) and the Vice Chair (Jamie Sheehan) along with assigning governors to roles for Safeguarding and SEND. Committees were formed for ‘Finance, Premises and Personnel’ and for ‘Curriculum, Standards and Pupils.’ The FGB have also received and reviewed two detailed Head Teacher Reports covering matters such as leadership and management, quality of teaching, learning and assessment, personal development, behaviour and welfare, outcomes for pupils, admissions to reception, staffing updates, and safeguarding. The Governors have decided to aim for an accredited award called ‘Governor Mark’, which signifies excellence in strategic leadership. A sub-committee has been formed, led by Jamie Sheehan; we aim to provide an update on this later in the academic year.

The FP&P committee met in November to review and agree the finance report for the first term for 2018/2019. The funding of just over £1m from the Local Authority, Pupil Premium, free school meals and for Looked After Children was also considered along with actual and planned expenditure for the year ahead. At present we are expecting a surplus at the end of this academic year, but to achieve this the school has income targets that they must meet, as well as maintain constant pupil numbers. It is expected that significant pressures on the school finances will continue in future years, with changes such as increased pension contributions that the school will become liable for. The FP&P committees also reviewed and updated the terms of reference and revised the number of teachers and pupils on role.

The CS&P committee met in November 2018 where the terms of reference was reconfirmed. Teaching monitoring feedback was provided for English, Maths and Science which identified strength and some areas for improvement. The school data was presented which shows the school performing above the national average. Lesson Observations have been carried out, which have shown exceptional results.

Membership of the Governing Body

In July 2018 we advised you that two members would be leaving the Governing Body, and we thanked Jenny Daniels and Sal Bevan for their hard work and support in governance of the school. During the summer, in conjunction with the Church PCCs, we identified two new Foundation Governors who have now been formally appointed. We welcome Paul Chew and Steve Lewis who now have joined the Governing Body. They also have a place on the Finance, Premises and Personnel Committee. We have gone through many years without a governor who represents the Local Authority. This situation has now been resolved and we are pleased to announce the appointment of Jules Newman as LA Governor. Jules also is a member of the Curriculum, Standards and Pupils Committee.

Mrs Mandell has been the staff governor for the last 3 years. She has taken the decision to step down as she commences her maternity leave in January. Following the recent staff governor election, we are pleased to announce that Miss Helen Rogerson has been appointed as staff governor. We thank Mrs Mandell for all her input and hard work on the governing body and we welcome Miss Rogerson and look forward to working alongside her.

From the Moseley C of E Governing Body