

Chair's Report Full Governing Body meeting July 2014

'Merebrook Infant School; a place to be proud of'

Over the previous 18 months Merebrook Infant School has re-shaped and moulded itself into a different school. These changes have had a very positive effect on the progress of pupils, the development of staff and the community as a whole. All at Merebrook Infant School can stand proud in the knowledge that they have risen to the challenge that change brings. This hard work and commitment is now bearing the fruits of a real 'feel good factor'. Staff and pupils have worked extremely hard. A huge well done to you all. Pupil achievement has risen and higher aspirational targets are being set for further challenge and higher attainment.

As a governing body, we must ensure that these achievements are seen by the pupils, their parents as well as within the local community. As parents of children within the school; talk to others, share your experiences and work with your child to further develop their understanding and progression.

As staff, continue to communicate your achievements, develop the curriculum and improve the opportunities you have created for the pupils you work so closely with.

As a community, be proud of the achievements this small, indispensable school has made during a period of intense and educationally uncertain times. A great deal of change has taken place both locally and nationally in education (I am sure it will continue to do so in the near future). Merebrook Infant School has ridden out this period with stability and confidence as core principles.

My message as the term draws to a conclusion, the academic year comes to an end and my last report as Chair of Governors, remains simple. Continuing to support the journey and direction of Merebrook Infant School I believe, remains the responsibility of us all; parents and guardians, teaching and support staff, the leadership team and school governors as well as the support and encouragement from relations and friends remains paramount.

"A little ironic" some may say that as Chair of Governors who is moving on, in fact moving away, "that the responsibility remains with us all". I am an educationalist and will remain an educationalist wherever I am in the world; I continue to work with young people. The important feature to remember, the makeup of the governing body may change, yet the mission remains the same. Strive to improve the opportunities for all young people and in turn they will strive to improve the world. Wherever you are and whatever you may be doing we all benefit. It has been a privilege to work with you all and the very best wishes for the future.

Thank you. Roddy Lloyd-Jones – Chair of Governors July 2014.