

Governors' Newsletter

SPRING TERM 2014



Dear Parents and Children,

It is hard to believe that Easter is almost here and the weather is warming up nicely. Yet in school we are surrounded by all things cold and frosty! The children have produced some amazing work on this term's theme of Icy Worlds, showing good understanding of the topic and how they have developed their skills in all areas of the curriculum.

Professional Projects

All teaching staff have been working on projects in which they are looking at different aspects of children's learning. For example, children may have their own preferred learning style and allowing them to explore this will help their understanding and encourage perseverance.

Governor monitoring visits this term

Governors have been in school as part of their ongoing work to monitor their areas of responsibility. This term we have been looking at pupils' work and talking to the children about their learning. Our focus was linked to the School Improvement Priorities, looking at how the children are engaged with their work and how the new curriculum is developing. There is clear evidence that lessons are encompassing all subject areas, children have good understanding of what they have learnt and are proud of their achievements.

Governor Vacancy

Due to work commitments Sarah Montague is resigning, having served the school as a parent Governor for three years. We would like to give

our heartfelt thanks for all her hard work and valued input during this time.

Consequently we will need a new parent to join the Board. It is vital for the school to have an effective Board of Governors and obviously it does involve a certain commitment. However, it can also be extremely rewarding and an opportunity to learn how a school is run.

Letters and nomination forms will be sent out after the holidays. If you would like to know more about what the role entails please speak to Miss Yates or one of the existing Governors.

Provision for 2 Year Olds

Our Nursery is now registered to take children from 2½ years old. Session times are available from 8.45am to 3.30pm and the cost is £3.60 an hour. If you are interested in this provision please speak to the school office.

Free School Meals

From September 2014 all children in Reception and KS1 are entitled to a free school meal. We anticipate this will increase demand for school meals by 80%. In order to meet this demand it has been decided that from September 2014 paninis, soup and packed lunch options will no longer be available.

For the 3rd year in a row we are keeping the cost of a 2 course meal at £2.20. Payment for **all** school meals from September 2014 will be online using the dinner money option in Parent Mail. This will enable parents to prepay for meals, have a record of when meals are taken and receive a reminder when their balance is low. Details of how to use this will be available next term.

On behalf the Board of Governors I wish you all a very happy Easter and hopefully some fine weather!

Alison Bennett

Chair of Governors