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at Whittle



Whittle Governors' Newsletter

Summer Term 2018

Welcome from the Chair of Governors

I can hardly believe that another school year is almost over and that soon your children will be enjoying a long Summer break. It has been an extremely busy year in school and everyone has worked so hard to ensure that the children at Whittle Academy have enjoyed an exciting curriculum filled with enjoyable learning experiences. We were pleased to welcome our Ofsted visitors just after the half term break as we had been anticipating an inspection for sometime now. The outcome was everything we hoped for and as Governors we were pleased that Ofsted judged Whittle to be a good school! As Chair of the Local Governing Body I would want to say a big thank you to ALL of the staff who have worked tirelessly to achieve high levels of performance in management, teaching and the assessment of children's learning - this was recognised by the Ofsted team who were quick to note that the management team, teachers, support staff and governors knew the school well.



Obviously, there are areas for improvement but I know that everyone at the school will now strive for excellence in all aspects of their work. The real stars of the inspection though, were your children! They behaved impeccably throughout the two day visit and were keen to share what they had been learning with the inspectors. I know from my own visits to the school that most of the time they are a delight to teach with only occasional examples of challenging behaviour - I guess all children have their moments - mine certainly did!

It is with some sadness that this will be my last newsletter as a Governor of Whittle Academy. After five years of supporting the school and even longer working as a governor in other schools in the Trust, I am standing down from governance at the end of the academic year. The decision to do so was not an easy one as I have so enjoyed watching the school develop in all aspects of its work. However, age is catching up with me and I feel the time is right at a personal level. I would therefore like to finish by wishing all of our Year 6 children all the best as they move on to secondary school. I am sure they will be a credit to Whittle Academy and will continue to persevere and work hard in their new schools. I would also like to thank my fellow governors for the support they have given the school during the time I have worked alongside them. As for the staff - they are all stars and I will miss watching them develop and move forward to higher levels in their professional careers.

So, all the best for the future - have a lovely Summer and I do hope the sun continues to shine!

Eileen Leech - Chair of the Local Governing Board, Whittle Academy

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Lucy Minett

What a fantastic visit Whittle had from OFSTED, we all knew it and now they all know it! Safeguarding came out very positive in the inspection and that is thanks to all the hard work from the staffing team. Whittle has a very strong Pastoral Team and I have every confidence in their abilities to continue to protect and nurture the children at Whittle. Policies and procedures are also up to date and have proved to be effective, as reflected in the recent inspection. I hope that you all have a fabulous summer holiday, a chance to reflect on the year, spend time with family and come back in September rested and ready to learn.

I joined the governing body when my daughter was in Year 1 at Walsgrave as she is now in Year 9 I have decided to resign from the Local Governing Body. It is with a heavy heart to leave the Academy, especially having seen it through the various stages of single school, federation to a MAT. To me it is the children, their families and the staff that make the school and I have loved being a part of it.

Thanks
Lucy



Gemma Graham

Well where has that year gone? In the last newsletter of the year I would like to congratulate Mrs Carpenter, all the staff and the children on the results of the recent Ofsted visit. The inspection was very thoroughly conducted and I can personally say that we as Governors were put through our paces! I hope you have all witnessed the hard work that goes on throughout the year to make Whittle the 'GOOD' school we know it to be.

The end of this year for me sees my daughter's final day at Whittle as she prepares for secondary school and my son moving into reception ready to start his full time education with team blue!

But for now we will enjoy the summer holidays, I hope the sunshine continues! Wishing you all a safe and happy holiday.



Richard Pearson

There is no other way to sign off another year at Whittle than by celebrating the fantastic news of the recent Ofsted inspection. Everybody has worked so hard over the past year to make this happen, and it is absolutely what the school deserves.

Our brilliant school staff were ready and handled the inspection with calmness, and I know that the children impressed the inspectors as well.

It is a great way to end the year. I hope you all enjoy the summer break, and we look forward to the next school year where we hope we can continue to push the school to become even better!



Stef Goodwin

What a busy term it has been! I have been lucky enough to visit school on many occasions this term to look at early years and the great fun reception and nursery have each day. I also had the opportunity to talk to Ofsted about our school and the progress it has made. I have seen some wonderful things in our school including family assemblies and I am really looking forward to our first "Whitfest" at the end of term!

I have really enjoyed this year as part of the Whittle local governing body and have seen the school go from strength to strength. I am looking forward to September and the opportunity to grow even further, for now I would like to wish you all a wonderful summer break and see you in the new academic year!



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Our next local Governing Board Meeting will be held on:

Wednesday September 19th @ 6pm