

## Elkesley Primary and Nursery School

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### Autumn Term Dates 2018

#### 17th September 2018

Joint Collaboration Committee

#### 8th October 2018

Strategic Development Committee

#### 8th October 2018

Finance, Pupils and Personnel  
Committee

#### 12th November 2018

Joint Collaboration Committee

#### 19th November 2018

Full Governing Body Meeting

### Members of the JCC

The current members of the Joint Collaboration Committee are:

Rebecca Jackson - Chair

Jen Lane

Fiona Price

Craig Smith

Barry Woodcock - Vice Chair

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Elkesley will be filling the vacant position at our next Full Governing Body meeting this term.

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to the first governor newsletter of the new academic year and a warm welcome to all of the new parents, carers and children that have joined us recently.

In this edition of the newsletter, we would like to focus on the work undertaken by the **Joint Collaboration Committee (JCC)**, so that parents are more informed about how the Governing Body makes decisions about the school.

The JCC is made up of governors from both Sutton-On-Trent and Elkesley Primary Schools' governing bodies, each school being represented equally on the committee.

**The remit, or purpose, of the JCC is to share a joint overall strategic vision for both schools, in order to secure successful and viable schools within our collaboration.**

The JCC make decisions and recommendations to each individual governing body, which they believe will be beneficial to the children and staff at both schools. Any decisions affecting our school are still made locally, by our own governing body.

#### **So why is this a good idea for us here at Elkesley?**

Both Governing Bodies believe strongly in the importance of maintaining smaller rural Primary schools. We believe that this joint working – or collaborative model, provides us with the security to do this, by:

- 1. Providing the opportunity to attract and maintain highly skilled staff, and by**
- 2. Giving us a higher level of financial security.**
- 3. Reducing unnecessary repetition of duplicate workloads.**

This in turn underpins the values and teaching and learning experiences that are available to your children.

The JCC are continuing to look at ways of strengthening this partnership and we look forward to keeping you updated later this term.

Barry Woodcock

Chair of Governors

## How does our school benefit from us working in this collaboration?

The Governing Body knows that as parents and carers, quite rightly, you are concerned about how the decisions at school will affect your children and their education.

Here, we hope to be able to give you an insight into some of the ways that **both schools have benefitted from the collaboration**, by the sharing of skills and resources that we have available within the two schools:

We have gained an **experienced and highly skilled leadership team** that works across both schools, providing the drive and ambition to raise standards and expectations for all children.

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Staff have been able to **develop professional dialogues** and quality assurance of assessments and moderation across both schools. This sharing of knowledge has hugely impacted the quality of work and the expectations of staff.

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We have **expertise within the joint staff team** that has enabled Rainbow Grammar to be used across both schools, raising aspirations and standards in handwriting.

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We have **developed a system of planning for next steps** through accuracy of assessment and observations in EYFS.

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We **hold SEAL Assemblies regularly at both schools**, leading to the continued development of cognitive thought processes and children's understanding of rights, responsibilities, resilience and growth mindsets.

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**Community links have been strengthened** by replicating local links in both schools. For example the transport links that we now have with Hutchinson's at Sutton and Plevin's at Elkesley.

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**Music opportunities have been expanded** at both schools, ranging from new 1:1 lesson opportunities, to increasing the range of music available to all children at both schools.

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All children are developing **links with children at another school**, which will be particularly helpful with the transition from Y6 to Y7.

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Both schools have been able to hold an **Art Exhibition** following joint working on the development of art skills through pattern.

## Parents Drop In Sessions

As a Governing Body, we are keen to hear your views and opinions.

We would like to hear your views on us offering a regular monthly 'Drop In' slot at school, where parents and carers can come in and meet members of the Governing Body, along with Mrs Lane.

This is something that has been trialed at Sutton-On-Trent Primary School and the parents and carers there have found this quite useful.

**Please let us know whether you would be interested in attending a drop in session here at Elkesley Primary School.**

## Thank you

Earlier this term we said goodbye to Leona Ashley who left the Governing Body after many years of service.

We would like to thank Leona for the work that she did for our school during her time here as a governor and we send her our very best wishes for the future.

## Get in Touch

We are always keen to hear your views and opinions.

Please contact us via the school office or using the comments box at the school entrance.

Or you can email us at:

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