

Governors' Grapevine - December 2018

As we draw close to the end of the Autumn Term, we would like to share with you the work we have been doing at the two Local Governing Board ("LGB") meetings we have had to date.

SATs Results 2018

The first analysis of the SATs results came out in September however the results of the final analysis of pupils' progress which is undertaken by the Department for Education has yet to be released.

Governors were very pleased that the results recognised the hard work and commitment all staff put into last year's Year 6 pupil results which were discussed at the first meeting.



For example, the whole school's focus on Mathematics last year resulted in 80% of year 6 pupils attaining their expected standard, with 30% attaining a greater depth score. Nationally, only 76% of pupils attained their expected standard and only 24% achieved greater depth.

Pupils massively improved their attainment scores compared to the 2017 SATs results in Reading, Writing and Mathematics and exceeded National standards in these areas. It is evidence of the improvements being made in school – which are constantly evolving.

School Development Plan

At the beginning of each academic year, the School sets out its School Development Plan ("SDP") for the forthcoming year. This strategic document plans how each area for improvement will be targeted, who has responsibility for it and how and when the outcome will be judged as being successful.

At our recent meeting the Governors reviewed the SDP, which will target a) the refinement of the teaching and assessment of reading and achieving greater depth in the subject; b) the quality of writing and c) the refinement of the teaching and assessment of maths and achieving greater depth in the subject. Governors at subsequent meetings will be briefed on the progress of the SDP.

Link Governors

Governors are linked with a subject or area of the school to enrich the LGB's understanding of that particular area so that informed decisions where necessary can be taken. Governors who are responsible for Safeguarding, Pupil Premium, SENd and Primary School's Sport and PE Premium have all visited the school during this term to meet with the member of staff responsible for that area and have reported back to the LGB.

Specialised training for Link Governors is undertaken depending on the subject area and the Chair of Governors, Mrs Clapcott has recently been on a course to update and further enhance her knowledge on SENd issues.

Governor Focus

Welcome to our new Governor, Donald Campbell, who says "I was co-opted as a governor in 2018. I am a Baptist Minister, I have lived in Sutton for 28 years, working for Sutton Coldfield Baptist Church, which now meets in the old Town School building. For 10 years I was the youth and children's worker at the Church and for the last 18 years I have been the Team Leader. Through our Church's youth and community ministries, which includes a food bank and community shop, I have an awareness of some of the issues facing our local community and have a deep desire to help. Despite moving on to become a minister for all ages, I have never lost my enjoyment of working with children and encouraging them to grow and develop. I am married and have three sons who have all gone through Holland House, Town and Plantsbrook and are now in employment locally. I have greatly appreciated the care all three schools gave my sons with their differing temperaments and needs. I am therefore a strong advocate of these schools. I am a keen dog walker, football fan and lover of loud music"