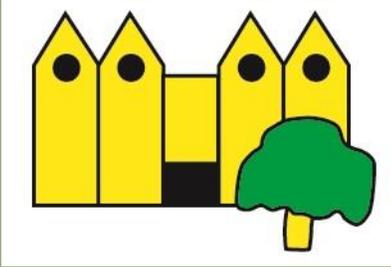


WEST OXFORD COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL



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GOVERNING BODY UPDATE

SPRING 2018

Dear Parents & Carers,

We are thrilled that the ongoing hard work of the school's staff was recognised by Ofsted this month, ensuring that our school sustained its overall 'Good' rating.

In this term's update we give you a snapshot of what else Governors have been working on and report on changes to the Governing Body.

The Easter holidays are just around the corner - we hope you have a lovely, restful break. See you in the summer term!

OFSTED INSPECTION 'GOOD'!

Thank you to the parents, carers and children who took the time to feed into the Ofsted inspection through online surveys.

During her verbal feedback to governors and school management, the Inspector noted that children enjoy coming to school, are keen to share their experiences and demonstrate excellent behaviour.

The report, which is [available on the school website](#), recognised in particular:

- the exceptional start to their education that children receive through early years and KS1 provision; and
- the strengthened school leadership and safeguarding since the last inspection.

The report reiterated the need for the school to improve quality and consistency of writing at KS2, but recognised that leaders are aware of the issue, accurately identified strengths and weaknesses, and are taking appropriate action in terms of staff training and coaching.

The report also noted the need to continue to strengthen communication with parents and carers to build positive relations and gain their confidence. Governors will work with school leadership to act on Ofsted's recommended next steps over the coming months.

SCHOOL PLAYGROUND APPEAL

The Ofsted report also noted the poor condition of the school playground. [Friends of WOCPS](#) are working hard to raise funds for resurfacing. Current cost estimates range from £40-100k depending on our level of ambition for the space.

Given the scale of this project, we are particularly interested in hearing from parents and carers who know of charitable grants we could access for this work. If you can help, please get in touch.

THANK YOU!

The Governors would like to thank all members of staff, volunteers and friends for their hard work and support. Your contribution is vital to the success of the school and is greatly appreciated.

GOVERNOR LEARNING WALKS 2017/18

To supplement our regular meetings, Governors undertake school visits to take a deep look at particular issues.

SPRING TERM

- Behaviour
- Key Stage 2
- Health & Safety
- Safeguarding

SUMMER TERM

- EYFS
- Behaviour
- Health & Safety
- Key Stage 1
- Key Stage 2
- Pupil Premium
- Safeguarding

PARENT SURVEY FEEDBACK

We were thrilled that 105 parents and carers took the time to provide feedback on the school during November's Parent-Teacher meetings (up from 68 in 2016). Your input is critical to support us to manage and improve our school.

Overall, we were pleased to see that levels of satisfaction had improved since the previous school year, with continued low levels of bullying particularly pleasing to see.

Benchmarked against other schools, there is still room for us to improve levels of parent / carer comfort around approaching the school with questions, taking parent / carer suggestions into account, and building confidence in school leadership and management.

Parents also indicated that they would appreciate greater clarity around what their child has to do in order to be successful and who their child should reach out to if they have a worry.

Governors will work with school leadership to address these concerns over the coming months.

PREPARING FOR GDPR

Governors are supporting school management to prepare for the new General Data Protection Regulation that will come into force on 25th May 2018. Look out for a new request around data usage after Easter.

CHANGES TO GOVERNORS

Ben Selby - Parent Governor and former Chair of HPR - stepped-down from the Governing Body this term. We would like to extend our thanks for his time and commitment to the role. While in post he did tremendous work to improve the school's financial accountability, benchmarking and value for money.

We will be holding an election for a new Parent Governor after the Easter break.

Becoming a governor is a fabulous way to support the success of our school. Feel free to chat to any of the current governors if you'd like to learn more about what is involved - contact details are available on the [Governors](#) page of the school website.

Want to know who we are?

Governor photos are on the wall outside the school office.