

Greenfields Primary School GOVERNORS' NEWSLETTER

January 2019



The Governing Board is pleased to bring you this latest Governors' Newsletter which is part of our plan to strengthen the communication and links between the governors and the staff, parents and children. These newsletters and the minutes of the Governing Board meetings are published on the school website.

Headteacher

As you should be aware, David Smith, our excellent interim Headteacher, completed his Greenfields assignment at the end of last term, making way for Mrs Kate Day to take over the reins. The governors hope you are equally excited about this new chapter in the school's history as we are.

Mrs Day will be hosting a Coffee Morning / Meet the Head on the 10th January 2019 from 9am to 11am in the dining room and again at 2.30pm, so do please make every effort to come along. Coffee, tea and cakes on offer!

Coffee Morning

Everyone Welcome



Teaching Staff

The governors are pleased to welcome Mrs Ellen Dupree to teach Year 2 for four days each week, with Mrs Day teaching on the fifth day. Mrs Dupree is a very experienced teacher and has worked alongside Mrs Day in the past in her previous schools.

As always, we look forward to your support for new staff members as they settle into their roles.

Update on School Premises

The governors are very pleased to inform you that both our bids to Hertfordshire County Council for major capital refurbishment of the school premises have been approved in principle. This means that both projects will feature in the latest HCC maintained school buildings plans, i.e. for the replacement of all the school's windows and external doors, and the replacement of the heating and hot water boilers and associated controls / pipework.



We will let you know when we have details of dates and logistics for these two major works items. We would expect the windows and doors project to be executed with the school in operation by temporarily relocating individual classes into the assembly hall for a few days at a time.

However the replacement of the boilers and pipework will require much more disruptive work and will be planned to take place during the summer holiday.

Many of you will hopefully have noticed that we have replaced all the school's fluorescent lighting with LED. This project was funded using an interest-free government loan wherein the cost of the loan repayments will be offset by the anticipated electricity savings. It represents an important step towards making the school more energy efficient and reducing our carbon footprint. Further significant energy savings will be achieved by the installation of the new boilers and double glazing.



Site Security

Several external reviews of the school have highlighted the need to improve security, both in terms of the site perimeter and the main building.

The first step we have taken is to require the rear pedestrian gate to be kept locked throughout the school day, and you have already been informed about this.

The second step being planned is the replacement and automation of the main vehicle entry and adjacent pedestrian gates, something which most schools already have in place. We will let you know what effect this will have on yourselves in terms of entering and leaving the site.

The third step, relating to the main building security, will be achieved as part of the

replacement project for all the school's external doors, as referred to above.

However, with all of this in mind, could we please ask that you remember to always sign in and out if you are supporting in school, and to keep clear of the premises at all other times. Your children's safety is our topmost priority.

The Governors' Cup for Good Citizenship

This prestigious cup is awarded to children who have consistently demonstrated exemplary conduct and behaviour and, as such, act as role models for other children.

The cup will continue to be awarded termly and is open to all the children. Nominations are made by the class teachers for consideration by the Governing Board.

Our latest winner is shown below: many congratulations to Lucas from Y6.



Lucas receiving the Governors' Cup from the Chair

How to Contact Governors

We are always happy to receive constructive feedback and comments from parents, for example by dropping a note into the school office. Alternatively, the current Chair of Governors, David Ray, is in the school all day every Friday and would be pleased to meet for a chat.