



PARKGATE INFANTS GOVERNOR GOSSIP

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Welcome to the Parkgate Infants and Nursery School Governors' newsletter.

It is an aim of our school's governing body to improve communication and links between governors, staff, parents and children.

The Governor's Role – Review Process

As a result of the review process we have undertaken a skills audit of the governing body, are currently working on recruiting new governors, and are holding a Vision Day at the beginning of September to focus our work for the 2017-18 academic year.

THANK YOU, MISS LAWRENCE

The Governing Body would like to say "Thank You" to Miss Lawrence, who for 26 years has led our school, working tirelessly for the benefit of all the children who have attended over the years. We will miss you in September, but we wish you all the best and hope that you enjoy your retirement.

Looking forward -

You will recall that we wrote to you back in March regarding Miss Lawrence's intention to retire, and the appointment of Mr Pritchard to head the school in an acting capacity in 2017/18. We are looking forward to working with him in September.

As a Governing Body, we will have several important things to focus on in the coming year. Our first and most important responsibility is to ensuring an excellent start in education to all the children who pass through our doors. Our immediate priority for September 2017 is therefore the recruitment for a permanent Head Teacher. Beginning this process at the start of the school year should ensure that we attract as broad a range of strong applications to the post as possible. This will enable us to continue the stability we enjoyed under Miss Lawrence's stewardship, and position us well for when important decisions on the future direction of our school need to be made.

Governors in School

Beth and Paul very much enjoyed taking part in Sports Day in May. We loved seeing the children taking part and having fun, and it was also good to see all of you there (and taking part!). With Jenny and Anila we ran a squash bar that the football players, in particular, seemed to appreciate!

Jenny and Beth also attended the Parents' Evenings in June, and spoke to some of you there.

The Governing Body has a new email address:

infant.governors@parkgateinfants.herts.sch.uk

This email address can be used to contact us if you need to.

The news recently has contained a lot of stories about the financial pressures facing schools. We have worked hard to ensure that we are in the best financial position we can be. Schools all over the country are changing the way that they are run. Some are joining Multi-Academy Trusts, or entering into federations with other schools, while others are becoming individual academies. There are also many schools that are not yet making these changes. As a Governing Body we will be considering the future of the school carefully, and thoroughly researching all the possible options – always considering what is best for the children of the Infants.

We wish our Year 2 Leavers the best of luck as they move on from Parkgate Infants, and we hope that everyone has an enjoyable and relaxing Summer Holiday.

See you in September!

..... PARENT QUESTIONNAIRE.....

Thanks to all parents and carers who completed the questionnaire. Analysis of the results will be looked at during the Governor Vision Day.

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“Anything is Possible”

In September 2017 Parkgate Infants and Nursery School will have vacancies for two Parent Governors to join our Governing Body.

The Governing Body is a group of committed volunteers who work together to promote and sustain improvements in standards throughout the school. We are not involved in the day to day running of the school, but provide strategic management, and act as a ‘critical friend’ to support the Head Teacher and other senior staff.

Being a school governor is a fantastic and rewarding opportunity to have a positive impact on the education of hundreds of children, working towards better schools and a better community.

You will have the opportunity to develop a wealth of transferable skills and experience. Training is provided, and you will find yourself part of a supportive team.

We are seeking individuals with skills in the following areas:

- Education
- Financial management
- Data analysis
- Strategic planning

This is not an exhaustive list, and if your skills and expertise lie elsewhere we would still love to hear from you. So, if you have the time, energy and commitment to be a school governor, and are interested in finding out more, please contact us on:

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At the beginning of the Autumn term 2017 we will be asking for applications via CV.

We are committed to safeguarding, and all governors must have a DBS check and provide two references.