



# 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. Hopefully this newsletter will meet part of this aim.

## Ofsted Parent View

Did you know about Ofsted's Parent View?

This online questionnaire gives you the chance to tell Ofsted what you think about your child's school. The survey can be completed at any time; you don't have to wait until the school is being inspected. Please use the link below and go to 'Give Your Views' if you would like to complete the questionnaire.

<http://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk>

## Who we are ...

The School Governors are a group of volunteers who include parents, staff and members of our local community. Our main role is to promote and sustain improvements in standards throughout the school. We help Miss Lawrence, Mr Pritchard and the staff to plan the school's long-term direction and we evaluate progress.

Four of us are parents and can often be seen on the school run. Please feel free to stop any one of us if you have any questions about the school. If we don't know the answer there and then, we'll help you find out. You may also write to us. Just hand your letter in to the office and they will forward it.

In the next few weeks we will be updating the Governor Board in the playground so please also look there for information.

In addition to the weekly newsletter and playground information board the school website includes information about school term dates and special events. The website text can be translated, via Google translate, into over 100 languages.

## The Governor's Role



The Board of Governors is currently undergoing a review process. We will report further on this in the Summer 2017 newsletter. We are also looking at the long term vision and strategic direction of the school, and over the next term will be working hard to define and plan this.

## Parkgate Sponsor Day

The school is running its annual Sponsor Day on Monday 22 May, as part of Active Week.

Parents and staff have planned a fun range of activities for the whole school to take part in, so please sponsor your children! All funds raised by the sponsorship will go towards school activities and workshops throughout the year.

We are always happy to welcome parent helpers at our events. We do need to ask that you have a DBS check and two references, but please come and speak to the office for more information about this simple process.

## ..... PARENT QUESTIONNAIRES...

Please look out for our own parent questionnaires which will be in the school bags after May half term. We are looking forward to hearing from you!