



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.

Headteacher Recruitment

We are currently advertising for the substantive Headteacher (to start in September 2018) and hope to be able to update you with the results of this process by the end of term.

New Governors

We are very pleased to be report that our recruitment drive has resulted in four new governors joining us this term. We welcome Parent Governors Carolyn Knott and Genta Hajri, and Community Governors Apeksha Chowdhury and Rob Shelton to the Parkgate Infants GB.

Vision Day

Key aspects of our Governor Vision Day included:

Confirming our vision statement of 'Anything is Possible', and updating our Aims as a school. The updated aims can be seen on the school website and are attached to this newsletter.

Undertaking learning walks, allowing governors to see the classroom environments and observe the school in action. Meeting with teaching staff to discuss the strengths and weaknesses of the school.

Analysing results from the parent, pupil and staff questionnaires conducted in the Summer term. The main areas of weakness revealed here were around dining provision and communication with parents. The Governing Body and Headteacher are committed to working on improving both of these elements over the next academic year.

Looking at data regarding pupil attendance and discussing our concerns regarding the effect of low attendance on pupil attainment.

Governors in School

Governors spent a day in school at the beginning of term for our Vision Day, where we watched an assembly, had lunch with the children, and worked on establishing our priorities for the 2017/18 academic year.

The Curriculum Committee enjoyed judging the Vegetable Heads competition.

Beth, Paul, Anila and Suzannah also attended the Parents' Evenings in October, and it was good to meet with and speak to some of you there.

We very much enjoyed and valued our day at the School, and results from the day have been used as the core of the 2017-18 School Improvement Plan.

Ofsted Parent View

Ofsted's Parent View is an online questionnaire that 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>

The Governing Body has an email address which can be used to contact us if you need to:
infant.governors@parkgateinfants.herts.sch.uk

Anything Is Possible

At Parkgate Infants and Nursery school we provide a caring, safe and secure environment where children are able to develop and gain the skills to become happy, healthy and independent individuals ready to take their place in a diverse community and challenging world.

We want to ensure everyone achieves their very best by:

- Promoting an active partnership between school, home and the wider community.
- Developing confidence, self-esteem and independence by recognising and valuing achievement.
- Providing an environment that is caring, happy and safe where children and staff learn and work together.
- Ensuring time is allocated for moral, cultural and spiritual development.
- Promoting equality and diversity in our school community.
- Promoting responsible behaviour, self-discipline, good manners and caring for others.
- Enabling every child to achieve high standards through a stimulating curriculum which cultivates curiosity.