



PARKGATE INFANTS GOVERNOR GOSSIP

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

Thank you to all the staff at the school who work so hard throughout the year to look after and educate the children of Parkgate.

We would also like to wish all our Year 2 leavers the best of luck as they move on from Parkgate Infants. We hope that everyone has an enjoyable Summer Holiday and we look forward to seeing our returning families in September.



Butterfly Room



Owl Room

What have we achieved as a Governing Body this year?

It feels like we have been very busy this year, as a Governing Body and the school as a whole!

In the Autumn term we advertised for, interviewed and appointed Mr Pritchard as the substantive Headteacher. We were impressed with his leadership and the vision he showed for the school, and throughout the year we have continued to see this vision in action.

In the Spring term we were proud to approve the creation of the two new rooms in school, the Owl and Butterfly Rooms, and improvements to the school hall, which really have changed the way the school is able to operate.

In the Summer term we attended Sports Day, which is always enjoyable, and then of course we had Ofsted to visit. We are looking forward to receiving the report in September.

In addition, members of the GB have been on various training courses, covering subjects such as Safeguarding, Health & Safety, Financial Management for Maintained Schools, Governor Visits, and Succession Planning.

Vision Day

In July 2018 we held our annual Vision Day, where we reflected upon and evaluated the work of the school over the past year and began looking forward to the priorities for the school in the 2018/19 academic year.

We undertook learning walks, looking at the classroom environments and the work the children have been doing this term. We went to the playground at breaktime, and also had lunch with the children. We looked at the results of the parent questionnaires and at EYFS/KS1 results and school attendance data. All of this helps us to build a wider picture of the school and identify its strengths and weaknesses, allowing for effective and strategic planning in the future.

Parent Questionnaire

Thanks to all parents and carers who completed the questionnaire. The main areas of weakness that these revealed were again around catering, knowing how to contact us as a Governing Body, and also the role of the Class parent reps. As a result of this, the school will review the catering changes that have occurred this year to try and identify where further improvements can be made and are also looking into the role of the parent reps within the school.

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

Governors also attend events such as parents' evenings, school plays and sports day wherever possible. Whenever we are in school as governors you can identify us by the orange lanyards of our badges!

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.

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In September 2018 Parkgate Infants and Nursery School will have a vacancy for one Parent Governor 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 particularly seeking individuals with skills in the following areas:

- Education
- Human resources
- 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:

infant.governors@parkgateinfants.herts.sch.uk

At the beginning of the Autumn term 2018 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.