



Parkgate Infants and Nursery School

Governors' Newsletter



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Dear Parents

On behalf of the Governing Body, I would like to say a (belated) Happy New Year.

As we approach the half-way point of our Spring Term, we would like to highlight some of the areas which have been achieved since the beginning of academic year.

Have a lovely break and we look forward to seeing you at the Parents Evening.

Beth Dyson
Chair of Governors

Key changes taken place this year...

- Sports Premium funding has been approved. This spending focuses on developing lunchtime clubs and improving accessibility.
- New subject leaders have been appointed that meet their current expertise and knowledge.
- A support staff restructure has taken place and we can already see benefits of this.
- The Head's performance management has taken place and targets have been set for the coming year to align with school priorities.
- Many school policies have been updated following reviews from Governors. These have been uploaded on the website.

Attendance

The governors would like to take this opportunity to remind parents/carers of the importance of ensuring their child attends school and is on time each day. School attendance is reported to the Department for Education and school is judged upon it. More importantly, your child will be missing out on the learning they need. We have seen these records improve in recent years, standing at **95.9% last term- thank you for that.**

Other items to note

Parentview

When you have the chance, please do complete the Ofsted ParentView questionnaire:

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

Governor updates

- One Co-opted governor has resigned and we will look to replace them in due course.
- The Full Governing Body recently undertook in house Effective Governance training to ensure we are aligned with best practice.
- Regular governor visits have taken place at the school.

What do Governors do....

As school Governors, we are responsible for the vision, ethos and strategic direction of Parkgate Infants and Nursery School. Along with Mr Pritchard and his staff, the Governing body ensures there is accountability, and acts as a critical friend.

....and How to contact us

If you would like to contact the Governors to raise any issue in confidence, you can do so by either by letter via school office or by email:

infant.governors@parkgateinfants.herts.sch.uk

For more information, visit our Governors page on the school website:

<https://parkgateinfants.herts.sch.uk/our-school/governors/governors-overview/>

