



Parkgate Infants and Nursery School Governors' Newsletter

Autumn 2019



Dear Parents

On behalf of the Governing Body, I would like to welcome you to the start of a new academic year. I hope you all had lovely summers. A particular welcome to new families who are joining the school – I hope you and your children are settling in well.

It will be another busy year for the Governing Body as we support the Headteacher and the school, and navigate the changing educational landscape. The first Full Governing Body meeting of the year will be taking place on 23 September 2019.

Have a great term!

Beth Dyson
Chair of Governors

Key Dates and information

2 & 3 September – Inset days (no school for children)

4 September – Term starts

25 October – Occasional day (no school for children)

28 October- 1 November – Half term

4 November – Inset day (no school for children)

20 December – Term ends

Parentview

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



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

Attendance

The governors would like to take this opportunity to remind parents and 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 the school is judged upon it. More importantly, your child will be missing out on the learning they need to successfully progress through their education.



Governors' Day

Just before the school broke for the summer, the annual Governors' Vision Day took place. It is really important that Governors are regular visitors to the school, to enable them to understand the context and to see in action the matters they are reading about and discussing at meetings. Governors had the opportunity to:

- Be given a tour by senior staff
- Attend school assembly
- Drop into Year 2 lesson and look at reading technique (which is a focus in the school)
- Meet staff
- Eat school lunch
- Chat to pupils about their experiences
- Be on the playground during lunch

What to 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/>