



Governing Body update

May 2014

Summer term update

Welcome to the Governing Body summer term update. Recently we have had a lot of changes to our membership. We would like to extend our sincere thank to Jayne Stack and Emma Thackray (co-opted governor) who left the Governing Body last term and we would like to welcome John Welsby and Phil Farmer. We are delighted to have them on board. They bring to the Governing Body a wealth of educational and business experience which we believe will further strengthen our effectiveness to improve the school. We look forward to working with them.

School performance

Since the Ofsted inspection in 2012, the school has risen from 47th to 9th place in the Wolverhampton School league tables. In terms of educational attainment our school is at the top of the table for the Tettenhall, Compton, and Finchfield areas. We are very proud of this fact, but realise that there is still plenty to do to.

It has only been five months since Mr Crilly took up his post as head and despite the short time the school continues to move in the right direction.

School-based assessments show that overall pupil attainment is rated as 'good' and that the majority of year groups are making expected progress. We know now that 86% of lessons have been judged to be good or better, with none being deemed as inadequate.

Extracurricular activities

We are also pleased to see that the school continues to provide a range of extra-curricular clubs; Football, Spanish, Wolfie's Workout, Choir, Cooking, Cross Country, Computer club and Einstein's maths club to name but a few. Details of activities for this term will be communicated via the school newsletter.

Grounds maintenance and building improvements/repairs

Last term we also saw a number of grounds maintenance improvements, particularly around the nursery. Ivy was also removed from around the KS2 hall. We are thankful that the school is starting to look a lot neater. In addition the KS2 cloakroom area will be completely renovated. This will be done during the summer holidays.

Mr Crilly is also undertaking a review of safety measures for pedestrians around the school car park. We will publish the findings by the end of the term.



Communication with parents and carers

The Governing Body is keen to make sure that parents and carers are kept well informed about their children's performance and the school in general. School notice boards have been installed in both KS1 and KS2 buildings and a PTA notice board is now being utilised at the Woodthorne Road entrance of the school.

Through a recent survey we were reassured that parents and carers have told us that they feel well informed (89%) and that 93% say the school responds well to parent and carer concerns. We are also delighted that 100% of parents say that their children feel safe at the school.

Clearly there is always room for improvement and recently we asked Mr Crilly to further understand why parents and carers had responded in a slightly less positive way on the question about school behaviour.

As a result the school behaviour policy is now being reviewed. The school council (made up of pupils from Y3 – Y6) is taking a lead role and a new set of 'school rules' will be communicated to pupils and parents by the end of the term.

We would like to congratulate the PTA for their continued contribution to the school community. Major events have included school discos, ladies pamper evening and they have so far raised over £2000 for the school. We are fully behind their campaign to seek external funding for playground shelters and wish the PTA and the school the best of luck.

And finally....

We would like to extend our thanks and appreciation to Mr Crilly and his staff for their continued effort in moving our school in the right direction. It is no mean feat in a school as large as ours. Our final thanks, of course, must go to our pupils, who work so hard, are a joy and are an immense credit to the school.

*The **Governing Body** meets **three times per term**, once as a full governing body and twice in two sub committees; resources and curriculum.*

<i>Councillor Mike Hardacre (chair) - Local authority</i>	<i>Councillor Julie Hodgkiss (vice-chair) -Co-opted</i>
<i>Justin Crilly- Head Teacher</i>	<i>Russell Stanley -Co-opted</i>
<i>Karen Titley -Staff</i>	<i>John Welsby -Co-opted</i>
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