Dear parents and carers

In this term’s newsletter, we give you a snapshot of what the governors have been working on and report on changes to the Governing Body.

The summer holidays are just around the corner so I would like to thank very much Mrs Campos and all the staff at Boxmoor for all their incredibly hard work this year, the parents and carers for all their support and last, but not least, our wonderful Boxmoor children, without whom Boxmoor just wouldn’t be brilliant Boxmoor. Have a lovely and restful summer!

Jane Read (Vice-chair)

School Development Plan priorities

The Governing Body closely monitors progress against the priorities. We are pleased to report that significant progress has been made in all four areas.

1. To develop the provision for children with significant needs together with those who are more and most able using the Inclusion Quality Mark Framework.
2. To continue to improve the quality of teaching and learning with a collaborative and Lesson Study approach, with an emphasis on new staff to the school.
3. To improve attainment and progress in Mathematics, with an increased focus on reasoning and problem solving skills.
4. To continue to work and be awarded The Arts Mark.
Inclusion

It’s vitally important that all children are able to participate in all aspects of school life and the school is nearing the end of its journey towards gaining the Inclusion Quality Mark award. Amongst other things, learning tools, such as writing slopes, talking tins, wobble cushions and so on, have been introduced in every classroom and children are being actively encouraged to use them. The Governing Body is very pleased to report that these have had a positive impact on children’s progress and behaviour for learning. Another success has been the transformation of the Blue Wave room into a sensory room. Mrs Argiolas, the SENDCo, has reported that it is being regularly used with a positive impact, and that children enjoy being in there. Governors are meeting with the IQM assessors on assessment day.

Parent Survey

One of the jobs of the Governing Body is to talk to stakeholders and we are pleased to report that we had 125 responses to the Parent Questionnaire. The vast majority of parents are happy with their child’s experience at Boxmoor; we are pleased to see an increase in the number of respondents agreeing with this statement compared to last year. Some of the issues that parents and carers raised included site safety, disruptive behaviour, healthy lifestyle and communication and progress and these will all be discussed and monitored by the Governing Body.

Changes to the Governing Body

We are sad to say goodbye to Sandrine Florand (Parent Governor and Chair of Improvement Committee) and Rhian Owen (Co-opted Governor) and we thank them very much for all their hard work. Sandrine has been a governor since 2013 and her knowledge and understanding of school data has been invaluable. Rhian has been with us since 2015 and has worked particularly on writing.

We are also saying goodbye to one of our clerks, Jane Murray, who has been clerking meetings for many years and has been through several changes of Head teacher, Chair of Governors and Governing Body! Her experience and expertise will be missed.

Governor vacancies

Elections for a new Parent Governor will be held in the Autumn term. We are also looking for a Co-opted Governor with experience of education (this could be someone who is a teacher or ex-teacher) who can support the Improvement committee in monitoring the delivery of the curriculum and children’s attainment and progress.

If you think you might be interested in either of these roles, then visit the Governor section of the Boxmoor School website for more information: www.boxmoor.herts.sch.uk/topic/governors

Did you know?

The school now has an Automated External Defibrillator which has been installed in the room where the photocopier is kept.