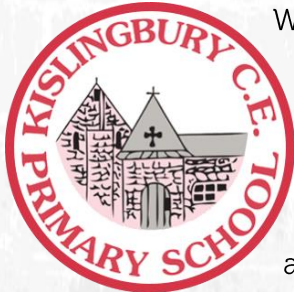


# Kislingbury CE Primary School Governor Newsletter 2016

## A school family learning and growing together



Welcome to the Governing body's first Newsletter! It is our aim to enhance the communications and relationship between governors, parents, staff and the children.

### WHAT ARE SCHOOL GOVERNORS?

Our school Governing body includes Parent Governors, Foundation Governors, Staff Governors, Local Authority and Co-opted Governors. The aims of our Governing body are to:

- Provide clarity of vision and strategic direction of the school.
- Support the Head Teacher with the educational needs of pupils and helping to find ways to raise standards across the curriculum.
- Oversee the financial budget and ensure money is well spent.

The Governing body attend 6 Full Governing body Meetings a year and 3 committee meetings, these individual committees are Curriculum & Achievement, Pupils & Personnel and Finance & Environment. Minutes of the meetings are available for you all to see and can be found on the school's website

Our vision is that in our school family,

- every child achieves their full potential and will be prepared for life beyond primary,
- every child will flourish and grow within our caring Christian community, and develop strong social, moral, spiritual and cultural awareness,
- every child will benefit from excellent teaching across all areas of the curriculum,
- every child will feel safe and happy at our school and develop the intrinsic values of British society,
- every child will be supported in their journey through our school by a strong, dedicated team of staff, school leaders and governors, striving for continual improvement.

If you wish to get in touch with the governors please email us at [bursar@kislingbury.northants-ecl.gov.uk](mailto:bursar@kislingbury.northants-ecl.gov.uk)

### PARENTS SURVEY 2016

Your views and opinions are very important to us and we want to make a difference! With this in mind, we asked all families attending the March Parents evenings to fill in a questionnaire so we can see your views on key topics. We are especially pleased that the changes to the home learning arrangements have been of benefit. The school is clearly going from strength to strength as you can see from the results table which you can see over the page.

Statement	Percentage strongly agree/ agree
My child is happy at school	100
My child feels safe at school	99
My child makes good progress at this school	96
My child is well looked after at this school	100
My child is taught well at this school	99
My child received appropriate homework for their age	87
The home learning arrangements have improved this school year	82
The school makes sure its pupils are well behaved	98
The school deals effectively with bullying	98
The school is well led and managed	94
The school responds to any concerns I raise	96
I receive valuable information from the school about my child's progress	92
I would recommend the school to another parent	99

### SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT

Further results from the questionnaire showed us that the most important area which parents would like the school and governors to focus on is the 'School Environment'. This was a clear winner, followed by 'Sports and PE provision'. We would like to report that over the course of this school year, both keystage 1 classrooms have been redecorated. Next year it is the turn of the keystage 2 classrooms. Firstly though, there are plans for redecoration of the school hall, plus the front fence and gate on the High Street are to be updated very soon.

### NEW SCHOOL WEBSITE

Our new school website was launched this Spring. We are very proud of this site and hope that you have all had a chance to take a look. A big thank you goes to the governors and teachers who have put in so much time to get this up and running. If you have any feedback on the new website, please let us know! The website can be found at:

[www.kislingbury-ce-primary.co.uk](http://www.kislingbury-ce-primary.co.uk)

### MONITORING

We have very much enjoyed our monitoring visits in school this year, experiencing lessons, gathering views from staff and children, and looking through the children's workbooks. Visits allow governors to see whether the school is implementing the policies and improvement plans they have signed off and how things are working in practice. One example is seeing how the new handwriting programme this year is really making a positive difference to all children.

### ON A FINAL NOTE ...

Welcome to new families in our school community this year and we wish all school leavers and their families all the best in the next phase of their education.

Thank you to all staff, parents and carers for the support you have given our school this year.

The Governing body