



Governor Newsletter Autumn 2016

The Autumn Term is always a long and busy term and we are sure that everyone (parents/carers, pupils and staff) are all looking forward to the Christmas break!

In November, a team of governors visited the school during a morning session. We wanted to focus on the style of teaching and learning in the school particularly for English and Maths. Pupil Governors accompanied us for the first part of the morning.

We are pleased to say that we saw the following:

- Vocabulary was being developed with the children being given lots of opportunity to learn and use new and more complex words
- Discussion, rather than written work, was used to promote language development and verbalising thought
- There were some excellent examples of good handwriting
- We saw very mature behaviour even from the youngest children
- Children were confident enough to talk to us about what they were doing and had clearly understood the tasks set

- Behaviour for learning was very good

Governors have also looked at Health and Safety with the Site Manager and discussed safeguarding systems and procedures.

We would like to congratulate everyone on how smart the children look. It makes such a difference when they are all wearing the Gravel Hill jumper with the logo, something that is often commented on by members of the public!

YOUR BOARD OF GOVERNORS

A leaflet was sent out recently giving everyone information about becoming a parent governor as there are currently two vacancies for parent governors. Early next term we will be sending out the formal request for nominations. If you are interested and have not yet contacted us please do so.

Governors are often in school and we would welcome the opportunity to speak to you. It is good to hear your views on the school.

Governors would like to thank pupils and staff for all their hard work over the course of the term and wish everyone a Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Hazel Teale
Chair of Governors

