

Chair of Governing Board Report 2016 - 2017



This is my second report as Chair of Governors so once again I'd like to thank my fellow governors for their input and support throughout the year. One major change on the Board at the end of the academic year was the retirement of Therese Sedgwick, we have benefitted greatly from her experience and we wish her well in her retirement.

We will have two new faces on the Board next year – Emma Crutchley replaces Mrs Sedgwick and Emily Collis will join as a new Parent Governor replacing Sharon Holmes who has filled a vacancy as a co-opted governor

As a Governing Board we remain focused on ensuring that the school delivers the best possible outcomes for all pupils so it was reassuring to see the positive results in this year's SATs and improvements in those areas targeted by the Governing Board at the start of the year. The Teaching staff can be rightly proud of their achievements this year culminating in securing above national average outcomes in the latest KS2 tests.

As a board we have kept an eye on alternative forms of organization by attending presentations from Academy Trusts and working more closely with Brockwell Nursery and Infants Schools where we believe we can increase our capacity to improve through greater collaboration across the curriculum.

As a Governing body we remain confident in the leadership and management of the school, that they understand the challenges across the school and have accounted for them in their own self-evaluation that feeds into the School Improvement Plan. The vision to deliver excellence at all levels with a clear mission to...be safe, smile and succeed continues to underpin strategy and decision making.

One of the enablers of pupil and teacher performance is the quality of its buildings and teaching resources. We have continued to invest in the school infrastructure:

- New playground markings
- New trim trail
- Yr 5 & 6 classroom decoration

We are also working closely with the local authority to use S106 monies arising from nearby housing developments to further improve security around the school and improve accommodation to cater for the anticipated increase in school numbers.

On behalf of the Governors I'd like to thank all the staff for their ongoing energy and commitment to our children. I'd also like to thank all those fellow parents and carers who continue to support school life through attendance at events, helping with homework, and for ensuring pupils are in school every day on time.

Mike Barker