

Prior Heath Infant School



Status confirmed 2010!

18 December 2018

Dear Parents

On behalf of the Governing body I would like to wish you and your children a very happy Christmas whilst also thanking you for your continuing support for Prior Heath. My Christmas always starts with the annual Christmas play and once again the children were outstanding. The Governors recognise the hard work that goes into this from the staff and also are aware that it forms a vital part of the learning process.

Once again the Governing Body has made a significant contribution to the school which has been recognised by the Head teacher and her staff as we look to support and strengthen all aspects of the school in, amongst many things, maintaining the Outstanding Ofsted rating.

Meeting of the Governing Body 20 November 2018

Administration of the Governing Body

We are delighted to announce that Nav Dasoar has taken on the responsibility of being a parent governor. Currently this leaves one vacancy on our governing body for a co-opted governor which we hope to fill prior to the next meeting in March. If parents know someone who may be interested in taking on this role, ideally with a building/construction background to complement the skill set, we would be very happy to discuss this further.

Various policies were reviewed at Committee stage and approved by the Governing body at the meeting. These include Pay Policy – Teachers, Pay Policy- Support Staff, Health and Safety, Staff Appraisal, Staff Behaviour, Charging and Remission / Letting, Attendance Policy, Pupil Behaviour, Anti-Bullying, Child Protection and Safeguarding, Online Safety, Children in Care, Relationships and Sex Education.

Operational Business

Once again the Governors recorded their appreciation of the hard work and dedication of all staff which enables such high standards at the school to be maintained. Each year in the autumn term staff present an analysis of achievement from the previous year and governors raised some strategic challenge questions about various aspects such as comparisons against prior years, gender disparity and how the improvement in writing had been achieved.

We also recognise the excellent work that the PTA undertake in supporting the school and for their continued success in fund raising to help towards vital resources to enhance the childrens education.

Strategic Business

The Governing body continue to review the aspect of academisation and at this stage we do not believe that it will benefit the children. We recognise that we are flexible enough to appraise the situation should the landscape change however we believe continuing as a maintained school is our best option.

As part of our ongoing monitoring of school development we undertake learning walks across various subjects. This provides an opportunity for the governors to meet with some of the children, find out their perceptions of the impact of school development actions and with staff review progress towards School Development Priorities to ensure this enables good or better progress for each and every child.

Once again the feedback is very positive and confirms that the high standards are maintained across all classes.

On Tuesday 19th March we will be holding our annual review and will also be planning for the subsequent 12 months. Although this is a Governor led meeting it is an open meeting and we will be inviting parents to attend or contribute to this review since we value your input.

The Governing Body plans to meet on:

Tuesday 5 March 2019 Spring Full Governing Body Meeting

On behalf of The Governors I would like to wish you all a very happy Christmas and a successful 2019.



Martyn Keates
Chair of Governors