



Thursday 15th December 2022

Letter from the Chair of Governors

Dear Parents,

I hope this letter finds you all well and ready for the festive period. I can't believe we are at the end of another term at Stopsley and Christmas is just around the corner.

I would like to start with the governing body - we at Stopsley are fortunate to have such a committed and effective governing body and all governors can be found visiting the school and attending school activities. At our last full governing body meeting we refreshed our link governor roles, we now have 11 key priorities to monitor for the academic year and each governor is assigned a link area to monitor throughout the year. This allows a greater insight into the curriculum and how it is being taught. It also provides a great opportunity for the governors to get to know the teaching staff and children and to provide support and challenge. The priorities are linked closely with the school development plan which focusses on the schools' priorities for the next three years and gives the governing body the clarity to focus on the strategic element of our role. We have set some ambitious targets over the next 3 years, where our aim is to be an outstanding school for our children. This of course can only be achieved with the help of the whole school community. The link roles are reviewed annually in the best interests of the school and can be found on the school's website under governance.

Recently, the governing body sent out a survey to obtain the views of yourselves as parents, the staff and children. Stakeholder engagement is a key focus for us as governors and is an important priority of the governing body as without your views and feedback, we cannot work at that strategic level needed to keep the school focussed. The surveys will be reviewed at the beginning of next term and will be fed back into our own governor development plan.

At this point, we would like to thank our brilliant PTA for all the hard work they do. This has been demonstrated through our new dining area which is amazing and the children love it. This ties in well with our new tender to provide a professional standard of meals for our children giving more variety and healthy options on the menu. The PTA are continually working hard to raise money to support the school and if you are interested in becoming part of the PTA, please enquire at reception as they are always looking for new parents to join them.

As Chair of Governors and on behalf of the full governing body, this is the best part of writing to you all as parents. The children at Stopsley Community Primary School and Nursery are next to brilliant. The achievements this past term have been amazing and this is reflected in the way the children are learning. On visiting classes this term, speaking with the children and hearing them speak about what they are learning is excellent - you always get the feeling that they are happy in the school environment and have an eagerness to learn. Of course, this cannot be achieved without the professional support of all our staff who have worked tirelessly to give the best learning outcomes for the children. On behalf of myself and the governing body at Stopsley we would like to say thank you to Mr Fordham, the Senior Leadership Team and all teaching staff for all the hard work this term in making Stopsley School the outstanding School we all know it to be.

I would like to wish each and everyone of you a joyous and festive season and a happy new year. I look forward to seeing you all in the new year.

Yours faithfully,

Daniel Coppin
Chair of Governors

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