



### Full Governing Body:

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- Mr. Shabir Hussain
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If you wish to leave a message or query for any member of our Governing Body, please call

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## Governors Newsletter

May 2016

### Message from Governors:

Welcome to the spring edition of our newsletter. One of our aims as Governors is to improve our contact and communication links with parents/guardians. Through our newsletter we would also like to raise awareness of the work we do to support the school at all levels. We hope you found our autumn term newsletter informative.

### What our Governing Body is responsible for:

Standards - so that pupils achieve their potential

Targets - so that we all aim as high as we can

Curriculum - making sure that we offer good quality teaching in all subjects

Reporting results - to the local authority and Ofsted

Policies - providing a framework for all staff to use when making decisions

Staffing - Deciding on how many staff we need and how much money to pay them

Resources - To improve teaching and learning across school we are committed to buying high quality resources

### Next full governing body:

- The next full Governing body will be on the 14<sup>th</sup> of July.

### Direction for next term:

With our current Ofsted inspection, we have a clear plan to drive the school forward. This will include:

- Maths and English still being a focus for the school - with the curriculum changes that have been implemented, our leadership team and co-ordinators are working tirelessly to raise standards and track pupil performance. Singapore Maths has been implemented into the classrooms to support the curriculum at all levels.

## Successes last term:

Last term the Governors had authorized for the EYFS playground to be developed. Work has commenced, and we are now half way through the project.

Well done to everyone, who helped the school raise the attendance of pupils by 1.7%. This is an excellent achievement, and we hope that this continues. Attendance has a direct impact on learning and 'thriving' in school.

The pupils have developed a new method of learning their timetables, have you heard them roll their numbers? Watch out for this space, as we will have some demos on our website very soon. Why not join in with the pupils at home, maybe add a few of your own dance moves!

On the 22<sup>nd</sup> of April we received a letter from Birmingham Botanical Gardens congratulating the school about the excellent behavior, attitude and manners demonstrated by our year one pupils when they visited the center as part of their curriculum trip. Well done to all our year one pupils! The letter can viewed on the school website.

## Learning for all - Come and join in:

- ESOL classes are very popular. Currently we are running two classes per week.
- Maths classes for parents (Thursday 3.30 - 4.40 pm) and parenting classes have shown to be also popular.

If you want further information about any classes for parents, please get in touch.

## What you are saying about numeracy and literacy at Hillary Primary School:

Welcome to our new Assistant Headteacher - Mrs Chaubey who is in charge of Reading. Mrs Chaubey will be working with staff, pupils and parents to raise the profile of Reading at the school. Thank you to all parents who completed the questionnaire on literacy. Your contributions are very much appreciated.

Mrs France (Assistant Headteacher) has launched 'Singapore' Maths in year 1, 2, 3 and 4. In addition, 'Numicon' training has taken place for staff with regards to how to use the resource to support the teaching of fractions. A date is being planned for a parent session too.

**THANK YOU!** Our school choir raised £360 for Acorns Hospice. The choir got into the spirit of the festive season and sang a number of carols at Morrison's. Thank you for your continual support. We had a visit from Acorns Hospice recently, to thank the pupils personally in an assembly.

Having a library for our community is really important. Teachers, parents and pupils have been working together to save Pleck Library. A number of us met outside the library on the 9<sup>th</sup> of January to voice our concerns about the closure. Thank you for your support.

## Parent feedback section:

- Governors would like to encourage all parents to visit the school website.  
Website address: [www.hillary.walsall.sch.uk](http://www.hillary.walsall.sch.uk) (Click on the 'About Us' section for the Governor link)
- Are you receiving all the necessary information about the school via the school website? Governors are always interested to know what parents think of the school website and whether the information displayed could be improved or added to in any way. Any ideas please get in touch with the school.