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Governors Newsletter April 2017

Message from Governors:

Welcome to the second edition of our newsletter for this academic year. 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.

All the Governors are dedicated to work with the school on various levels to raise standards and make learning fun giving an opportunity for pupils to be equipped with knowledge and

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

Dates for the next full governing body:

Full governing body meeting dates:, 27th April 2017 and 28th June 2017.

Well done to the parent support workers this term! They have worked very hard to target and support housing, education, appeals and supporting food banks. The parent support workers have helped parents with medical guidance, translation, keeping healthy, cooking classes and parenting classes. In addition, they have also helped the school to make links with Walsall College for training purposes. The team include Senior safeguarding PSA- Sadie Dilloway, PSA Marianna Gemes, Interim PSA Rachael Stanley. Well done to you all for helping our community. If parents would like support with anything, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Successes last term: Reverend Karen Reeves from St John's the parish of Pleck and Bescot is now a Governor. She is liaising closely with school to support our work. One example is that we are exploring the use of the meeting and community rooms at St Johns to enable us to deliver more parenting and community sessions.

Reading for fun! We believe reading at all ages is important. To promote reading in and out of school we have appointed a librarian who works for 12.5 hours per week. To support the library and our librarian we also have four student librarians. As a school we are investing in high quality books and other reading resources.

Curriculum news and developments:

Thank you to parents who support our homework programme. We believe that learning should not just be classroom based, but extended beyond the classroom. If you have any concerns regarding homework please contact your classroom teacher for guidance or help.

Community links and learning - Pupils from year 4 visited a local Mosque. The spiritual, moral, social, and cultural aspect of the curriculum is very important and is incorporated into our school life from classroom linked learning to colourful, informative assemblies.

Pupils developing life skills As a school we are ensuring that learning is not just about putting pen to paper. We believe in developing well rounded pupils and to equip them with skills for life. For a group of year 6 we have had a 'future jobs visit' to raise aspiration and to show pupils the different job opportunities. In year 4 we have had a visit from the fire service and year 5 and 6 we have had a 'hygiene workshop'.

THANK YOU and WELL DONE! Thank you to all the pupils and their families for supporting the Christmas jumper fundraising event. We raised £400 for Save the Children. Thank you.

Learning beyond the classroom: clubs - the school offers a range of clubs to allow children's learning to continue outside the classroom. This includes a homework club, a breakfast club, Jaguar Maths, Music club, Drama club and booster clubs too.

ESOL classes - Come along to our ESOL classes. Beginners ESOL classes are running at school on Monday's from 1pm to 3 pm. Enquire at reception for further information. One parent who attended on a regular basis has managed to access employment. Well done!

Get involved in your children's learning classes - we want to involve you as part of your children's learning. Look on the website under curriculum for lots of information about your child's learning. Parent child workshops have started this term and have been well attended. The focus is English and Maths

Parent feedback section:

1. Governors would like to encourage all parents to visit the school website. Website address: www.hillary.walsall.sch.uk (Click on the 'About Us' section for the Governor link)
2. 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.

And finally all the Governors would like to wish you all a very happy Easter break.