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Governors' Newsletter – Autumn 2017

As we are approaching the end of our busy but brilliant Autumn term the Governors would like to thank all staff, parents, pupils and friends for the enthusiasm you have shown our school. There continues to be a lot to be proud of within our school. As always, the Governing Body extend their continued appreciation for the outstanding achievements & commitment of our pupils, staff, parents & volunteers. It has been encouraging for the Governors to witness how strong and united our staff have collaborated and worked together this term during the challenge of leadership staff absence.

Governors

The Governing Body is made up of the following;

Pat Treanor – Chair

Janet Bewick – Vice Chair

Ailsa Bennett

Gemma Borley

Michael Guy

Rev Joanna Dobson

Ruth Skinner

George Laidler

Louise Laskey

Lauren Chapman as Acting Headteacher .

At the start of last academic year, Pat took over the reigns as Chair of Governors from George. Pat brings with her a wealth of experience which she uses to support the senior leadership of the school. Having been a Headteacher previously of a large primary school in Manchester, Pat understands how to lead, manage and drive a school forward. Her knowledge and expertise have been invaluable, especially this term where she has guided our Acting Head Teacher Mrs Chapman in the crucial leadership of Grange View.

Over the year Governors have met on a regular basis and agreed the budget for the year, analysed data in addition to agreeing and updating a number of policies which are all available on the school website.

Governor vacancy

Following the resignation of Anne Parker we have a vacancy for a parent governor. If you are interested and feel you would be able to give some time back to school helping make important decisions that drive the school forward please let a member of staff know. Thank you

The Governors would like to thank Anne for her guidance and support to the school in her time as a Governor and wish her well for the future.

New Staff

The governors would like to welcome Miss Belk, Mrs Hepworth, Mrs Swinney, Mr Millican and Miss Carr to the staff team. They have settled in well and have enjoyed getting to know the children, staff and parents and are working hard, as are all staff to support your children's learning.

Progress and achievement

As always, our children have worked really hard all year and this is reflected in some great results. Teachers also work hard to keep track of every child's progress and achievement using a range of test material, which enables us to measure progress and end of year attainment against national averages for reading, writing and maths. The school's mastery maths approach has been adopted with great enthusiasm and our new creative arts curriculum is continuing to be developed throughout all the children's learning. Well done everyone!

Fundraising

The Governors would particularly like to give thanks to the Friends of Grange View for their continued fundraising efforts to support the work of the school. There have been many events such as fairs, film clubs and bingo nights which they have organised. The funds raised have paid for our forthcoming pantomime performance, other school performances as well as transport for trips and school resources.

Participation

During this term our pupils have had the opportunity to take part in clubs, trips, and sporting events. There are too many to list here but here are just a few;

KS1 farm trip and farming sessions in school with David Thompson
KS2 trip to the Hancock Museum, Ouse burn tunnel and Quayside
Harvest Festival
Teddy Bear themed writing day
Interfaith week linked with the arts
Mermaids sessions about equality through school
Year 4 Tennis and team building
KS2 Mini Medics training with T H Training Ltd
Children in Need and Macmillan Coffee afternoon fundraising

Not to mention our wonderful Christmas Performances due in the final week of term.

Finally...

Enjoy the festive fortnight and have fun.

We look forward to welcoming you all back in January, refreshed and ready for new learning and new challenges.

