

KINS Governors' Newsletter to all Parents and Carers

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Welcome to the second Governors newsletter for parents and carers. I hope that everyone enjoyed the Christmas break - the children have certainly returned very refreshed and ready to work.

Many thanks to everyone who made the December weeks at school so enjoyable. The Christmas Fair was very successful, and there were some fantastic performances of the Christmas plays that many of you attended. These all take a lot of preparation and hard work so thanks to everyone involved.

Last term the Governors said goodbye to Pat Stockdale who had been a co-opted Governor since her retirement from the school. She is not completely lost though: she intends to continue her involvement with the school as a volunteer. At the same time we welcomed Elizabeth Cotterill to the Governing Body. We still have a vacancy as a co-opted governor if anyone is interested in filling it.

Parents' Evenings.

As you know some of the Governors were present at the school in October for the Parents' Evenings. We intend to be at the entrance at the school for the meetings with the teachers in March to welcome you. If anyone wants to discuss items that relate to the school then we will be able to have a more private discussion at our "surgery desk" in the hall.

We still have the cards that are available for comments and these can be returned to the box in the entrance hall at any time. A template that you can complete will be sent out nearer the date of the evenings.

Reading Books

Can I re-iterate the plea that was made by Ms Holmes in a recent newsletter about returning reading books? Our school budget is very small so continual purchase of replacement books is not possible. Please ensure that your child returns their reading book so that staff can make sure that all children are able to access a wide variety of stories.

Attendance

As you will know, children get increasingly tired as each term progresses and their resistance to illness decreases. The last few weeks of last term saw many children miss school as a variety of "bugs" and illness were rife. We are hoping to see a vast improvement in attendance this term. Full school attendance is vital to make sure that your child develops the basic skills in these early years.

Sandra Fraser

Chair of Governors

At the Governors meetings we discuss

- *the strategic direction of the school through agreeing its aims and values;*
- *holding school leaders to account for the educational performance of pupils and staff;*
- *ensuring that the finances available to the school are used to best*