

## **KINS Governors newsletter to all Parents and Carers:**

### **Autumn 2022**

Welcome to our Governor Newsletter which we hope will be a regular feature from the Governors of the school.

We are a small but committed number of people who want to ensure that Killamarsh Infant and Nursery school remains a great place for your children to be educated.

Firstly, can we welcome back all of the staff, many of whom worked in the holidays to ensure that the building was ready for children to return to after the upheaval of the massive electrical rewire that took place over the summer holidays.

We also welcome Sharon Metcalfe who is the new Clerk to the Governors and Jennie Turner who has joined us as a new Co-opted Governor.

Each Governor, as well as taking part in 2 or 3 governor meetings a term, also links to a class and a curriculum area to enable them to have a more thorough understanding of the way that the school functions. We spend time at our meetings focusing on a variety of issues but one that focused our attention this month was Attendance.

#### **Attendance**

The first few years of education are absolutely vital for your children to lay solid foundations for their future educational success. They can only achieve this if they are in school. Whilst we appreciate that children can be unwell sometimes it would be appreciated if you could ensure as full attendance as possible for your child.

Absence from school interrupts the sequence of learning for the child and at the Infant School stage this can have a huge impact on your child's achievements. Parents will soon receive an information leaflet again about how exactly absence from school impacts on their future.

Recovery from Covid and the chickenpox "epidemic" caused some absence last year but it is our aim to ensure, with your help, much improved attendance rates for this school year.

#### **Parents Evenings**

These will be held on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October and there will be Governors attending for you to chat to on each evening about any areas of school you wish to discuss. We welcome your comments and want you to feel that your views are valued.

We do have a Parent Governor vacancy on the Governing Body. Ms Holmes has sent out more information about the elections for this but please talk to us if you would like more information.

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 effect.
- various practical issues