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Governors Annual Report to Parents

Welcome to the second Governors annual report to parents.

September 2022 - July 2023 has been a year of some return to a “normal” school year after the upheavals of the Covid and Recovery years. However the year has not been without its challenges with a number of children contracting chickenpox, Scarlet Fever, numerous coughs and colds etc.....Inevitably this disrupts learning; despite this the overall attendance rate for the school continues to be around 92%. (The national average currently is 91%).

Non-attendance is followed up daily and this continues to be an issue where we hope parents can help us achieve improvement over the coming months.

The Governors make regular visits into KINS and the general atmosphere is one of enthusiasm for learning by the children; they are always eager to share their work and are polite and well behaved.

A recent parent’s questionnaire evidenced a high level of satisfaction with their children’s education at the school. This reflects the hard work of all the staff to ensure that the learning experience is enjoyable at the same time as enabling constant skills improvement for the children.

An important development this year was the introduction of the “Learning with Parents” App in February. This has been a very positive addition to the learning activities already provided for tasks at home by the staff on the Teams site. Between February and April there had been 3020 activities accessed by parents for children and 409 comments and photographs posted by parents.

There have been a number of parents workshops offered throughout the year with at least 30 opportunities for parents to go into school including Reading and Maths mornings, Christmas plays, and Sports day to mention just a few. Attendance at the majority of these has been very good, as has the feedback from them.

The children have been encouraged to support a number of charities during the year (including Comic Relief, New Hope Food Bank, Action Aid Turkey Earthquake Appeal) and have celebrated national events such as the King’s Coronation, World Book Day, Children’s Mental Health week and Science week. Child safety is an important aspect of the curriculum and the police visit to stress road safety as well as other aspects of safety. After-school clubs have also been well supported.



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Outdoor learning continues to be a weekly highlight for each class, wellies and waterproofs being a necessary addition to school clothing. The addition of a newly sited and refurbished library is a real enhancement to the school.

All of these extra activities take a huge amount of preparation and it is encouraging to see parental support too.

We are extremely pleased to see that our Reception numbers have risen again this year and Nursery demand also continues to be high. With the extra funding that this brings we have been able to appoint an extra teacher, Miss Stevenson, for two days per week as well as maintaining the current staffing of both teachers and Teaching Assistants. We have also appointed a new Higher Level Teaching Assistant.

As a result we will be welcoming Linda Richardson.

We will be saying a temporary farewell to Ms Attwood as she begins her maternity leave and we are pleased that Mrs Crookes will be bring her teaching experience to the Year 2 class next year.

I would like to thank all of the members of the Governing Body for their contributions to the school. We do have from September one parent governor vacancy and one co-opted member vacancy. For any parent that would like to know more about our role and what we do as governors in the school with a view to joining us then please contact either the Head teacher or myself.

Finally, I thank Ms Holmes and all of the staff for the amazing work that has been done through the year, and wish staff, children and parents an enjoyable summer.

And school opens again on Tuesday 5th September 2023.

Sandra Fraser

Chair of Governors



The governing body has three core functions determined by the Department for Education:

1. Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos, and strategic direction.
2. Holding the headteacher to account for the educational performance of the organisation and its pupils, and the performance management of staff.
3. Overseeing and ensuring effective financial performance.