



BOWESFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL

GOVERNORS LETTER TO FAMILIES

Summer Term 2022

Hello from the Governors

We are delighted to share with you our summer term letter to families to keep you updated and informed of our work and engagement with the school.

This term...

The Governing Board welcomed Miss Birkett to the Bowesfield family when she took up her role as Head Teacher. Miss Birkett has been very busy discovering everything she needs to know about our school and the wider community. She has taken time to meet with staff, speak to families and, most importantly, build her relationship with the children.



Through its formal committee meetings the Governing Board have discussed aspects of school life with Miss Birkett and, we have also had lots of opportunities to visit the school and engage in activities that provide vital insight into the learning, teaching and behaviour in our school.

We have been warmly welcomed by the staff and children when we have been into school.



Working in teams governors have been into school to review the teaching of Geography and History. It has been great to see what the children have been working on in their lessons and to hear them talk about their learning.

It has been a delight for governors to see the positive behaviour of most children. Many children are very proud of their school and their learning, and they tell us they feel safe in school.

Other highlights this term for governors have been:

- speaking to the Head Boy and Girl and hearing of their career plans
- meeting with the children who keep each other safe by acting as Danger Detectives and listening to them describe their role in school
- hearing children in a year 2 class singing and performing a sea shanty
- speaking to year 6 and answering their questions about the move into secondary school
- catching up with parents at the coffee morning and hearing them speak positively about the care and support provided by the school
- taking part in a collaborative review with the local authority to see how well our school is doing
- joining the Mayor on his visit to the school to see the wonderful facilities our school has to offer

- seeing everyone enjoying the 'fun day' activities arranged to give the children and staff a chance to be active outdoors
- coming along to the Eid Fusion Festival to see the amazing gifts the children had made to raise money for the school



It is great for us to come into school, and we thank Miss Birkett and her staff for taking time from busy work schedules to let us visit and be involved.

Next term...



Looking forward to next term we have planned our Governing Board Meetings and developed a work plan to help keep us focused on our governor roles.

Autumn Term

School Improvement Committee – 12th October at 10am; Resources Committee 2nd November at 9.15am; Governing Board Meeting – 9th November at 5.00pm

Spring Term

School Improvement Committee – 11th January at 9.15pm; Governing Board Meeting – 25th January at 5pm; Resources Committee – 15th February at 9.15pm; School Improvement Committee – 22 March at 9.15pm; Resources Committee – 29 March at 9.15am

Summer Term

Governing Board Meeting – 26th April at 5pm; Resources Committee – 14th June at 9.15am; School Improvement Committee – 12th July at 9.15am; Governing Board Meeting – 19th July at 5pm

For next term, we hope that we can get to know more about the children's families, and we look forward to meeting you at school events and activities.

We will also be looking to recruit new governors to our team and are seeking professionals and / or individuals who match our values of 'care and education together'; can give their time freely; and, have the knowledge and skills that help us work better together. [Become a school governor - Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council](#)

Finally...

The end of the summer term is fast approaching and we would like to take this opportunity to wish the children and their families a happy holiday.

For those families whose children are leaving Bowesfield we wish them every success at their new school, and for those families whose children are returning to the care of our fantastic school we look forward to welcoming everyone back happy, healthy and ready for learning.



Best Wishes from Janet, Diane, Mike, Louise and Tunde