



BOWESFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL

GOVERNORS LETTER

Summer Term 2023

Keeping families updated and informed of our work and engagement with the school ...

Dear Families,

Welcome to the Summer Term newsletter from the school governors. This has been another busy term for our school, and we have heard about a lot of new and exciting things that have taken place in school to give the children access to a broad and balanced curriculum.



Early in the term the Chair of Governors (Janet) and the Vice-Chair (Diane) were pleased to see that the school has begun to make-over the enclosed garden and pond area. When this make-over is complete the children will have a fantastic outdoor learning space and a place to enjoy the benefits of nature.

Our school has excellent outdoor spaces, and it is always great to see the children engaged in learning outside of the classroom. We look forward to seeing the garden and pond area being used by the children as an additional place to learn.

Over the course of the term governors have had opportunity to visit school for link visits, meetings, and learning walks. The Chair of Governors, who also acts as Safeguarding Link Governor has completed a range of visits linked to safeguarding, mental health, and wellbeing. These include speaking to designated safeguarding leads, talking to the Business Manager and, listening to a presentation by the Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education (PHSE) lead. Janet has found these meetings very helpful, and they have given the Governing Board assurance that the school has good systems and processes in place and are meeting statutory requirements.

A Learning Walk in school on 19th June gave governors the opportunity to look at 'pupil progress'. From workbooks we were able to see how the children learn and develop skills and we were able to speak to children and listen to them describe their learning. We spoke to children in Early Years through to Year 6 and everyone was able to talk about their lessons and tell governors about the things they have been doing in school to develop their skills and knowledge. Governors found this learning walk informative and the children were very positive about their school.



There are fantastic displays in school showcasing examples of learning and highlighting activities that the children are involved in. We were very impressed by the information signs, displayed all around school, to remind everyone to turn off lights to save electricity and it's wonderful to see children involved in community projects like 'litter picking' in Ropner Park.

It's great to see how much the children are involved in their school and the local community. Keep up the good work!

Best wishes from the Governing Board