



GOVERNOR NEWSLETTER

SPRING TERM 2024

RECENT GOVERNOR VISITS TO SCHOOL

PE AND SPORT

We have monitored the opportunities offered to the children in PE and sport. We were impressed with the way the subject was planned and the variety of sports offered, both during lessons and at after school clubs. Football, rugby, netball, dance, athletics, swimming, cricket, gymnastics, multi-sports, cross country running, kayaking, wall climbing and mini rugby are all sports the children may experience at some point during their time at Weeke. There are Year 6 sports leaders, who undergo training enabling them to plan and deliver inter house competitions independently, as well as lead lunch time games. The school would like to start an after school gymnastics club, so if there is a parent with the appropriate qualifications to do this, Mike Weatherall (PE subject lead and Year 6 teacher) would be delighted to hear from you.

Congratulations, and good luck to the girls and boys football teams, who have both made it to the County finals!

WRITING

We talked to some Key Stage 2 children about their progress in writing who were delighted to share their work. They explained how they used different planning techniques, improved their work through editing and knew what their learning objectives were.

SAFETY AND BEHAVIOUR

We talked to children in Years 1—5 to find out if they feel safe. Whilst the responses were age appropriate, all of them knew they should tell someone if they were worried, or had an issue. There was a good understanding that bullying meant unwanted and repetitive behaviour. They felt the school followed up on any issues and expressed satisfaction they were listened to.

ONLINE SAFETY



As governors, we have been concerned to learn about the increasing number of online incidents the school are dealing with that have occurred outside school. We urge parents to be vigilant regarding their child's use of the internet. The school are raising children's awareness of online safety, but it is vital this issue is tackled as a partnership with parents. As new and emerging technology dominates our lives, everyone needs to be mindful of how to stay safe online. Advice is available from Jonathan Kirkham, who is the school's lead for online safety. He is a trained CEOP (Child Exploitation and Online Protection) education ambassador and is very willing to answer questions, or provide support for parents. If you have any queries, or need advice, don't hesitate to ask him. Governors will continue to monitor how online safety is taught in school.

GOODBYE AND WELCOME

We shall be sorry to see Emma Cummins (Year 4 teacher) and Libby Manktelow (Year 3 teacher) leave at the end of this term. They have worked at the school for a number of years and been involved in many innovative curriculum developments that have inspired the children they taught. We wish them well in the future with their new career paths.

We are pleased to welcome two new parent governors to our Governing Body, Katie Garnett who has a child in EYFS and Charlie Pate who has children in Year 2 and Year 5. This brings the number of governors to thirteen and means we now have our full quota of parents. There remains one position vacant for a co-opted governor.



OUTCOME of HAMPSHIRE INSPECTOR'S VISIT THIS TERM

Each school in Hampshire has a Local Authority inspector assigned to them. As Weeke is acknowledged as making good progress the inspector only visits annually, which is the lowest level of support offered to a school. The summary of his main findings stated:-

'This school is self-improving as evidenced by effective leadership at both senior and middle levels, good quality data outcomes when pupils leave school, strong governance and consistent teaching and learning across the school.'

Full GOVERNING Body MEETINGS

This term we have focused on:-

- ◆ A strategic review of the school's strengths and areas for development
- ◆ Begun to review the school's vision
- ◆ Approved the annual financial statement (SFVS)
- ◆ Reviewed the governors' safeguarding training
- ◆ Reviewed the school's website to ensure compliance with DfE requirements
- ◆ Continued the search for a co-opted governor
- ◆ Attended some staff meetings
- ◆ Approved the following policies:-
 - ⇒ Special Educational Needs & Disabilities
 - ⇒ Pay
 - ⇒ Lettings
 - ⇒ Charges & Remission
- ◆ Carried out monitoring visits, in addition to those mentioned on the previous page i.e.
 - ⇒ Staff performance management
 - ⇒ Development of quality first teaching
 - ⇒ Pupil Premium provision
 - ⇒ Reviewed how staff assess whether the quality of learning is good or better in PE, Design & Technology, and Art

Work of the COMMITTEES

Finance & Resources Committee

The committee has reviewed:-

- ◆ The budget and future spending
- ◆ Staff health & safety training records
- ◆ Health & Safety reports for Educational Visits, and areas of the premises requiring maintenance or improvement
- ◆ Safeguarding procedures
- ◆ Lettings charges and income generated
- ◆ Staffing
- ◆ Approved support staff pay

Learning & Wellbeing Committee

- ◆ Year 1 class teachers attended our meeting and updated us on the progress with the phonics curriculum now that it has been in place for a year
- ◆ Reviewed the Equal Opportunities Information and Objectives
- ◆ Reviewed the school's wellbeing offer, which can be viewed on the school's website.
- ◆ Discussed aspects of the Behaviour Policy in practice and its impact.

TRAINING

Individual governors have undertaken training in the following areas:-

- ◆ Chairs Workshops
- ◆ Safeguarding
- ◆ Safer Recruitment
- ◆ EYFS Introduction
- ◆ Staff Wellbeing
- ◆ Coaching Skills

And Finally Thank you

- ◆ To WPSA for their continued energy and enthusiasm dedicated to their many fundraising ventures. The new picnic tables and Buddy Huts in the playground are proving very popular with the children.
- ◆ To the staff who have worked so hard to develop their subject areas.
- ◆ To the Senior Leadership Team who have been relentless with their focus on school improvement.