



# Governor Newsletter

## Summer term 2023



Art Week

### THANK YOU

- To the staff who have worked so hard throughout the year on curriculum innovations and development work .
- To WPSA for their magnificent fund raising achievements this term.
- To Steen Ingerslev and Andrew Morgan who completed their terms of office as co-opted governors, but were sadly unable to continue for a second term. The school and governors are grateful for their support over the last four years.
- To all the parents who returned our questionnaire (the results of which are published overleaf). Thank you also for your constructive comments.

### GOODBYE

- Niamh Shaughnessy (Y3 teacher), is leaving us to return to Ireland.
- Yvonne Wash (ELSA) is retiring after working for many years at Weeke.

*We should like to thank them for all they have done for Weeke and wish them well in the future.*

- It is also time to say goodbye to the children who are moving on to new schools. We wish them good luck in the future and hope they have many happy memories of their time spent at Weeke.

### School Budget 2023-2024

Setting the school's budget this year has been extremely challenging.

- Rising costs for energy bills, resources and supplies, are being driven by high levels of inflation.
- All schools face having to fund part of the teachers' pay increase from their existing budgets, which are already under pressure.
- The Local Authority's budget for Special Education Needs is in a similar position. Their funding is under pressure due to the increasing number of pupils requiring an Education Health Care Plan in Hampshire. This is becoming an additional pressure for schools.
- In addition, a lower birth rate is resulting in falling admission numbers, thus bringing in reduced funding.

Financially, these are very difficult times for all schools nationwide and Weeke is no exception. Governors wanted parents to be aware of the situation as it is inevitable that cuts will have to be made over time.

### Congratulations

The preliminary results for the end of Key Stage 2 SATs, which the Year 6 children sat in May, have just been published. The results of those achieving the expected standard for each subject were as follows:

Reading, Writing & Maths combined	76.7%
Maths	95.0%
Reading	93.3%
Writing	80.0%
Science	83.3%

The results were above the average for Hampshire. Well done everyone!

### New Governor and Vacancies

We are delighted to welcome Sharon Gray as a co-opted governor. She moved to the Winchester area last year and has experience of education at secondary level. We are still recruiting for our remaining co-opted governor vacancies and are particularly interested in anyone with a background in finance, accounting or business. If you know of someone who may be interested, please contact Jonathan Kirkham.

## Parent Questionnaires



Thank you to those of you who responded to our questionnaire, much of which was based on the Ofsted Parent View questions. We received 124 responses. We appreciated receiving your comments and will respond to them next term.

		Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
1	My child is happy at this school	62.9%	32.3%			
2	My child feels safe at this school.	67.7%	29%			
3	My child is well looked after at this school.	66.1%	30.6%			
4	The school supports my child's wider personal development.	39.5%	51.6%	8.9%		
5	The school values of Respect, Kindness, Excellence and Responsibility help my child with their learning and personal development.	50.0%	41.9%	7%		
6	My child is making good progress at this school.	45.2%	44.4%	8.9%		
7	My child is enthusiastic about their learning.	47.6%	44.4%	6%		
8	The school has high expectations for my child.	24.2%	48.4%	22.6%	8.3%	
9	The school lets me know how my child is progressing.	23.4%	56.5%	13.7%	6%	
10	The school makes me aware of what my child will learn during the year.	21%	44.4%	23.4%	11.3%	
11	I feel confident that any issues in relation to my child's progress would be raised with me.	37.1%	46.8%	11.3%	4%	
12	My child has Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities	<b>Yes</b> 13.1%	<b>No</b> 83.9%			
12b	If YES to question 12, the school gives my child the support they need to succeed.	22.7%	45.5%	18.2%	13.6%	
13	My child is eligible for free school meals.	<b>Yes</b> 16.9%	<b>No</b> 83.1%			
14	The school ensures children understand what behaviour is acceptable.	44.4%	51.6%			
15	My child has been bullied.	<b>Yes</b> 11.3%	<b>No</b> 88.7%			
15b	If YES to question 15, the school dealt with it quickly and effectively.	27.8%	22.2%	33.3%	11.1%	
16	The school is well led and is managed effectively.	52.4%	39.5%	8.1%		
17	The school offers a good range of clubs and activities.	24.2%	53.2%	16.1%	5%	
18	The school staff are approachable, friendly and welcoming.	62.9%	29.8%	6%		
19	Communication from the school about class-related activities is clear and consistent.	31.5%	50%	10%	8.1%	
20	Communication about school-wide activities is clear and consistent.	24.2%	59.7%	9.7%		
21	The school provides all the wrap around care that I would like.	25%	26.6%	29.8%		
22	I have raised concerns with the school in the past.	<b>Yes</b> 37.9%	<b>No</b> 62.1%			
22b	If YES to question 22, the school has responded well to my concerns.	18.8%	54.2%	18.8%	8.3%	
23	I would recommend this school to another parent or carer.	60.5%	33.1%	6%		

**N.B. Where responses do not total 100, the numbers were not statistically large enough to show on our data sheet.**



**And finally to all our families ...**  
We wish everyone an enjoyable summer break.