

Autumn term 2017 Bulletin from Governors

A warm welcome to our new children, parents and staff at Bedfont Primary! It has been a busy but rewarding term for all at Bedfont Primary School. This term, the Governing Body has welcomed our new Headteacher, Mr Davis, who has been getting to know the staff, children and parents. All Governors have been on learning walking visits with Mr Davis, and this has given us an opportunity to ask questions and see the hard work of the children and staff.

There are a few changes to the Governing Body membership. We say goodbye to Mr Weider and thank him for his valuable contribution to our meetings and his leadership in Mathematics, assessment, Key Stage 2 and sporting activities among a long list of other significant accomplishments. A new Deputy Headteacher has been recruited and will be joining the school at Easter. We have welcomed Mrs Laffoley-Green as a new Staff Governor and we will soon be supporting the recruitment of new Parent Governors. Parent Governors are vital members of the Governing Body as they represent the perspectives of parents and also have the opportunity to contribute to the strategic vision of the school. Please do consider if this is a role you would like to undertake when nomination forms are distributed.

In our previous correspondence the Friends of Bedfont had been dissolved, but we are pleased to report that the school has created a new group of volunteers comprised of parents and staff. This new group has already organised a successful school disco for the children. Money raised by the previous Friends of Bedfont has been used this term to buy Christmas presents for the children, has paid for a theatre company to come into school and bought the refreshments for the disco; so you can see that we do need this new group of volunteers to be able to continue to make these special provisions for the children. The new group do not currently have a name and we would invite you to send some suggestions for this and to volunteer to join as they will be organising another event next term.

Governors have been reviewing the children's 2017 results, and the Curriculum Governors have also visited the school to meet with staff to discuss progress in more detail and see some of the new resources and teaching materials used in the classroom. The results show that the children achieved good attainment for their Reading, Writing and Mathematics in Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2. In most areas, the results were above the national average achievement in Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS), Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2, as well as progress in Key Stage 2. This is a proud moment for us all. However, Bedfont School is always striving to make further improvements, and staff have shared with Governors detailed action plans for supporting teaching and learning for this school year. This term there has been emphasis on supporting the children to learn through positive behaviours, which has enhanced the learning environment.

We hope that you will take advantage of any opportunities offered to visit the school next term to share in your children's education. The School recognises the importance of working in partnership with families to promote the learning experience of the children.

Governors value your feedback and can be contacted through the school office. We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

