



GOVERNORS' SUMMER NEWSLETTER 2012

Dear Parents, Carers, Staff and Children

The Governors of Chorleywood Primary and I would like to wish you all a happy, relaxing and (hopefully!) hot and sunny summer break.

We wish the current Year 6 well in their transition to secondary school. I am particularly fond of this group as they were the first children that I worked with back in my days as a Teaching Assistant and I moved up with them through Nursery, Reception and Year 1. I wish them happiness and success as they move on to their chosen secondary schools.

In September we will be welcoming Miss Freya McAteer as the new Year 1 teacher and Mr Craig Hamilton who will be teaching Y5 and will take on the role of Team Leader for Years 4, 5 and 6. I am also delighted to announce that Miss Karen Knight has been awarded a well-earned internal promotion to Team leader for Years 2 and 3 and will oversee the transition from Infants to Juniors as well as becoming the new Year 2 teacher.

We are sad to say good-bye to Miss Esther Baron and Ms Emma Tait, who are moving on to new posts at other schools. We wish them well in everything they do and thank them for their contributions to the progress of our school.

I am pleased to have been able to meet most of you at the various Class Assemblies, but I have to confess that the highlight for me this year was being able to accompany the choir to the Royal Albert Hall in May to sing in the Joint Hertfordshire Schools' Choir. It was a long and tiring day but the children all remained cheerful and were exceptionally well behaved. Thanks to the parents who came to the concert to support the children despite there being no Metropolitan Line trains on that Sunday!

On Monday of this week I attended a brief follow-up meeting with our School Improvement Partner from the Local Authority, Mrs Lynne Wilson-Leary. She was delighted with the fabulous SATs results achieved by our Year 6 children, particularly in Maths. This is very pleasing as Maths has been a focus for teaching and learning this academic year. She will be putting together a report on her findings and although it is not for general circulation, I will endeavour to share the relevant detail with you once it is made available early in September.

I'm delighted that Mr Kieran Ryan will be our new Teacher Governor from September 2012 and we will be electing a new parent governor early in the autumn term. Please give some serious thought to putting yourself forward. It is a rewarding role but can be time consuming as some meetings take place during the school day and training at evenings and weekends must also be undertaken. Please bear in mind that as a parent governor you are not a "spokesperson" for your child's class, but a strategic and impartial critical friend to the school working for the common good of all stakeholders, focusing on the best interests of all the children. For more information please follow this link: <http://www.hertsdirect.org/services/edlearn/getinvolved/governors/become>

Let's hope the summer dries out, and thank you all for your enthusiasm and support as always.

Best wishes

Carla Avis

Chair of Governors

Chorleywood Primary School