



GOVERNORS' SUMMER NEWSLETTER 2013

Dear Parents, Carers, Staff and Children

At the time of beginning to draft this letter, I have just returned from a very pleasant, albeit "hot" stint on the Chorleywood Primary School stall at the Village Day. It was lovely to see so many of our families there and meet some of our last year's Year 6 students who now seem so grown-up one year on.

The current Year 6 recently put on a fantastic show with "The Pirates of the Curry Bean" which was genuinely funny. The children excelled at comic timing and singing and we wish them every success and happiness as they too move on to secondary school. I am proud to say that this year's SAT results for the current Year 6 pupils were outstandingly good in reading, writing and maths with the vast majority of children gaining a level 4 or 5.

One of the most exciting events to look forward to in 2013/14 is the school's Centenary celebrations. Records show that the school was built in 1914 but wasn't used as such until 1920. In the meantime, it was a convalescence home for WWI servicemen returning from the trenches. We will be forming a Centenary Celebrations Committee from amongst staff, parents, children (both past and present) and other members of the community who may have had some connection with the school, so look out for messages from the office regarding this.

The school has continued to strive to improve and we continue to have regular meetings with our HIPs (Hertfordshire Improvement Partners) allocated to us by the Local Authority. There have been constant alterations and refurbishments, like the excellent outdoor canopy outside Years 1 and 2. The current computer suite will also be refurbished to provide a dual purpose dining and arts & crafts area allowing for minor cookery projects to be undertaken with specialist "child height" appliances and storage around the edge of the room. Hopefully, this will all happen during the summer holidays.

A very big thank you as always to everyone who works so hard to make our school what it is, be they teachers, support staff, office or kitchen staff, the caretaker and his team of cleaners and the children and their families. We say goodbye to Mrs Kathryn Holmes who is leaving us to work at a school nearer her home and to Mrs Warman who wants more time to concentrate on making her excellent home-made jams and preserves. They have both been at the school for as long as I can remember and have had a major impact on creating the school that we enjoy today. They will both be missed and we wish them well. We shall also miss Mrs Karen Hannan who is leaving us to work at another school. From September the school office will be staffed by Mrs Clarissa Rhodes, Miss Hayselden and Mrs Hope, leaving Mrs Liz Leeman to concentrate on the important task of School Business Manager. We will also be welcoming Mr Haydn Dwyer to the teaching team. He will take Year 4 from September and joins us from Australia. Finally, I am sure you will all be delighted to know that Mrs Kate Daurge gave birth to a baby daughter on 3rd July named Amelia Hollie.

In the Autumn term there will be another Parent Governor vacancy and I would urge you to consider putting yourself forward for this extremely rewarding role. More information can be found on www.hertsdirect.org/services/edlearn/getinvolved/governors/faq/

With very best wishes to you all for a warm, relaxing, happy and safe summer.

Carla Avis
Chair of Governors - Chorleywood Primary School