

Governors' Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to congratulate the Headteacher, Senior Leadership Team, all staff and pupils who have worked immensely hard year after year now and have **continued to achieve fantastic results (more about that later!)**.

The second half of the autumn term is very busy with activities for both staff, children and parents alike with preparations for school productions, school disco and holiday preparations.

Chorleywood Primary is very lucky to have such an **active Parent Teacher Association (PTA)** raising valuable funds for the school, for which we all very grateful especially in times where school funding is being squeezed due to removal of educational improvement grants to local authorities and changes to the funding formulas.

We would like to take the opportunity to say **Thank You** to all of the PTA, for their continued fundraising efforts and the fun activities they run for the children, especially leading up to Christmas.

Simone Tyson (Chair of Governors)

School Development Plan Priorities for 2016 – 2017

As a school we are continually aiming to improve and ensure we are the best we can be in supporting the learning and development of the children in our care.

We regularly review the schools Self Evaluation Form (SEF) and update it based on current information as we progress through the academic year, allowing us to understand areas to focus on.

This year our priority areas are **Maintaining outstanding outcomes** and **Computing**.

It is now three years since Ofsted last visited the school meaning the next visit could happen any time from now onwards.

Working Group

We have had a number of working groups in the past to incorporate parents' views and ideas. Do look out for them in 2017 e.g. Review of Homework policy.

Parent Voice Feedback

Thank you to all parents for completing the annual parent survey, we were very pleased with the results.

We had an increased level of response and the responses improved across all question categories. A summary of the results will be sent to parents.

We listened to what you told us last year, prepared an action plan and we are working on doing the same thing this year and will feedback on the action plan next term.

Outstanding Progress

This year was the first year schools were assessed on the new national curriculum and **86% of our pupils** achieved the new higher expected standards **vs 53% nationally**. The best way to review how the school has performed is to look at pupil progress. We are very proud to be able to share the news that Chorleywood Primary pupils made **outstanding levels of progress** and the performance was **among the top in Hertfordshire and Nationally**.

Deborah Godbold, our Hertfordshire Improvement Partner said **Outcomes are outstanding** because:

"Pupils are exceptionally well prepared for the next stage in their education. The attainment of all groups is broadly in line with, or above national averages."

	School Progress Score	Herts Ranking	National Ranking	Ranking National in Top %
Reading progress	+5.7	4th	374th	2%
Writing progress	+3.6	33rd	1271st	8%
Maths progress	+6.2	1st	159th	1%

Changes on the Governing Body

Elected Parent Governor: Rob Murray

Rob is a parent of Lara in Year 2 and Ben in Reception. He has been a freelance Opera Singer for 20 years. He moved to Chorleywood 4 years ago, shortly after his son, Ben, was born. He has loved being in Chorleywood, and is extremely glad that his children can attend this wonderful school.

Co-opted Governor: Christina Shearer

Christina has lived in the area since 2003. Her working roles include Chartered Accountant, Assistant Head of Sixth Form at St Clement Danes, senior lecturer at Middlesex University, Youth Connexions, Youth Offending Team, Assistant Headteacher at a Pupil Referral Unit, responsible for curriculum, SEN, alternative provision and safeguarding. Currently working as the Post 16 Lead Teacher for the Buckinghamshire Virtual School since April 2015.

Government Academisation Plans

Our aims and actions as a leadership team:

- Maintaining our School Ethos, Values and Vision are key to all analysis being undertaken
- Specific working group set up regarding DfE plans for schools to move towards academisation and Multi-Academy Trusts
- Collaborative working meetings continue with other local primary and secondary schools ensuring local school links
- Currently fact finding and looking into all options available for our school in order to aid the decision making process.
- Additional Information will be shared when there is more clarity on requirements and options available to our school.



How to contact the school leadership and management?

For any day to day questions, queries or concerns you may have relating to your child please liaise with your class teacher.

If you would like to discuss something that relates to the school, but not your child specifically, you can also talk to your class teacher, or it may be appropriate to contact the school office.

If you have a concern that is not addressed through either of these means then please speak to the school office to be able to arrange to talk to Mrs Roberts.

Mrs Roberts often welcomes both students and parents into school in the mornings and is accessible if you have queries.

If you were to need to contact the governing body please do this via the school office.