

# Governors' Newsletter

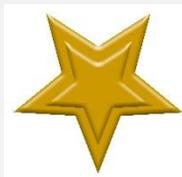
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Dear Parents and Carers,

This year, more than any other in the time I have been involved with the school, has been both busy and very productive.



We have seen a really positive visit from **Ofsted** who indicated they feel the school is **demonstrating it is better than good** and so will be back for a further visit in the near future. In addition to this we have yet another year of **fantastic outcomes for pupils** with continued strong pupil progress across the school.

Alongside this, the governing board, senior leaders and the school business manager have done an enormous amount of work behind the scenes regarding becoming part of the Danes Educational Trust. Through having thoroughly assessed this proposal we can wholeheartedly conclude that **the future is very exciting** for the children of Chorleywood.

We wanted to say **thank you** to all the staff, the PTA and everyone who has supported the school this year, without your time, energy and passion Chorleywood Primary School would not be the "**happy and successful**" place it is.

Finally, I would like to wish everyone a relaxing summer break.  
Simone Tyson (Chair of Governors)

## Fantastic Results

We are delighted with yet another year of **excellent results** from our pupils. At the end of **Key Stage 2 100%** of our pupils obtained '**Age Expected**' in Reading and Maths, and 97% in Writing. Across these three subjects **over half** of all pupils reached '**Greater Depth**'.

The end of **Key Stage 1** results have also shown a **strong improvement on previous years** with **93%** obtaining 'Age Related' in reading, **89%** in Writing and **90%** in Maths with significant proportions of these pupils working at 'greater depth'.

In the **Early Years 90%** of pupils achieved a '**Good Level of Development**' which, again is an increase on previous years.

Well done to all our pupils and staff for **another amazing year of results** at Chorleywood Primary.

## Stakeholder Feedback

It is very important for us to understand the views of all of our stakeholders at Chorleywood Primary School.

In the **autumn term 2018/19** we will conduct our annual **parent voice survey** at Parents Evening.

Regular pupil voice surveys happen throughout the year and we recently undertook a Year 6 exit survey for feedback about experiences at Chorleywood Primary School.

During the summer term we have also undertaken consultation with all stakeholders regarding the Danes Educational Trust.

## Collaborative working

We continue to have regular meetings between Head Teachers and Chair of Governors with other local primary schools sharing best practice and forging closer links. For example: CWP has been the leading school in a STEM Learning Science Partnership with six primary schools and St Clement Danes Science Learning Partnership

## Danes Educational Trust Consultation

We now have the results of our recent consultation, which have been considered by the Governing Board. We are very grateful for everyone who took the time to respond to the consultation, whether online, in correspondence or by attending our parent / carer meeting.

Stakeholders have raised many valuable points and comments, and the majority of those responding also say that they are in favour of continuing the process to join the Trust. A high-level summary of the main points raised and considered in the course of the consultation is available on the school website.

The Governing Board have **unanimously concluded**, having considered all the information available and in the light of all of the responses to the consultation, that continuing the application to join the Trust is **in the best interests of the school and its pupils**.

Additional information will be available in the Autumn Term regarding the next steps, but we are currently working towards a target date for joining the Trust on **1<sup>st</sup> November 2018**.

## School Development Plan Priorities

Following our Ofsted inspection and our ongoing work to look at the school's development plan, we have been supporting the school's leaders to identify areas for development for the next academic year. This includes a **continuing focus on the foundation subjects** – in June we heard from all the subject leads how the learning and opportunities in these subjects have developed over the last year and what the plans are for next year. It has been great to see so many outside visitors come into the school to bring these subjects to life. Chorleywood Primary School will also use its experience to support other local primary schools through the **Herts and Bucks Teaching School Alliance**.

Engaging with the Danes Educational Trust at this early stage in its formation has given us the opportunity to be **part of the vision shaping process**. On Friday 6th July we spent the day with school leaders and governors from DET and its schools. This gave us all the chance to talk about our **commitment to all pupils** – and ensuring that the Trust is **child and future focused, outward facing and accountable to its communities** as well as to Government. The focus was on the **importance of childhood** and the opportunities to build cross-Trust strategies to **support mental health and well-being** strategies as well as accessing expertise in Educational Psychology and speech and language.



## Dream Big

We are so grateful to all of the people who have been able to support our Dream Big initiative, allowing KS2 children access to a wider understanding of how things they are learning at school relate to the real world and industries they may end up working in one day.

This year we have looked at:

- The Arts
- Science & Engineering
- Business & Entrepreneurship

If you think you might be able to help us next year please do let us know. The structure of the session is 15/20 minute presentation, followed by a few questions. If you are unable to come in person, a video would work equally well.

Below is the list of areas of focus for the next academic year.

- Technology
- Sports
- Health & Medicine

## School Governors:

We would like to welcome Mrs Pearson who is our new staff governor. Thank you to both Mrs Lewis and Miss Byrne for their part in the Governing Board in recent years. In order to help put some names to faces within the Governing Board, here is the line-up:



Simone Tyson



Martin Trevett



Becca Roberts



Nifesh Patel



Jane Mansour



Angela Taylor



Pete Adi



Sam Evans



Rob Murray



Lindsey Archer



Mark Burgess



Vicky Pearson



Michelle Coomber



Joanna Malcher



Julie Raybould (Clerk)



### 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 Board please do this via the school office.

