



GOVERNORS' NEWSLETTER



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With the long summer holidays approaching, the governors wanted to reflect on what has happened over this term.

Governors' Open Week

We held another open week at the end of June / beginning of July with a focus on pupil voice and the curriculum and we saw some great things going on in the school. All our findings will be discussed at the next full governing body meeting, and parents and carers will be notified of any changes that are recommended.

New Governors Wanted

The governing body is on the lookout for a parent governor to join us in the new academic year. The role of a governor is one of 'critical friend' - supporting the school but also asking challenging questions. We hold six Full Governing Body meetings a year and there are two sub committees which also meet six times a year i.e. once every half term. All governors also have a Link role which links them to a particular aspect of the school, normally a subject. Becoming a governor is a fantastic opportunity to help improve the school and make it the best it can be. There obviously is a time commitment but it is hugely rewarding. We will be sending out application forms in September so we hope to receive lots of replies.

Spring Fair and Fun Run

What another fantastic event put on by the PTA! Well done to all the children who ran stalls, the teachers for helping out, the parents who supported and all the groups that put on displays and shows including the Flash Mob dance group! The total raised was a very impressive £2,769.01 and we will be letting you know how that money is spent over the coming months.

Parental Questionnaire

Of those parents that returned their questionnaires, 61% strongly agreed that the school has an effective governing body, up from 36% last year, with 34% agreeing with the statement and 0% disagreeing. Also, 83% of you either strongly agreed or agreed about understanding the role of school governors. Our role is not always a visible one so we are really pleased that parents now have a greater understanding of what we do.

Romeo and Juliet

Some of the governors had a chance to attend performances of the year 6 production of Romeo and Juliet last week and we must say how impressed we were – we never knew what acting and singing talent we had in Year 6! Everyone was absolutely fantastic. We hope that this will be one of the many fabulous things our Leavers will remember about Eastbrook as they go on to secondary school. They have worked really hard this year and achieved some fantastic SAT results and we wish them well as they move on to the next stage in their school careers.

Another Goodbye

After almost 6 years, first as a Community Governor and then as a Trust Governor, we have to say goodbye to Mark Gardner, one of our most dedicated governors. He has been a constant presence around the school over the years, particularly helping with the premises side of things, health and safety, as Chair of the Resources Committee and turning up and helping at loads of events. We want to say a massive thank you to Mark for all his hard work and dedication - you will be greatly missed.

So from all the governors at Eastbrook Primary Academy, have a great summer holiday and see you for the start of the new academic year in September.