



Governors' Newsletter – Winter 2016

Childcare Needs Assessment

Thanks to everyone who completed the childcare needs assessment which we issued in October. We have analysed the responses and these have been helpful as we put together provisional plans. The feedback identified a need for extended wrap-around care and, in response to this, Breakfast Club will start at 7:30am (as opposed to the current 8:00am) from after half term in February (Monday 20 February). If you would like your child/ren to attend, please contact the office.

With regard to an on-site pre-school, we have established a working party which is drawing up plans and researching costs before putting all options to the Full Governing Body which will then make a decision on how to proceed.

PTA Thanks

We would like to thank the school's Parent Teacher Association (PTA) for their hard work, especially at this time of year when there is so much going on. Activities such as Secret Santa and the discos create fun, memorable experiences for the children as well as raising funds for the school to enrich their learning environment.

Governor Day

Four of our Governors came into school in November for one of the three Governor Days which are held across the year. These days form part of Governors' monitoring duties, but are also a great opportunity for us to chat with the children and staff. We try to focus on different aspects of the children's learning such as their enjoyment of reading or their use of ICT. Governors were particularly impressed with the classroom displays, the children's behaviour and their engagement in their lessons as well as the standard of music and singing in the Key Stage 2 assembly. Some of us were also fortunate to attend the Key Stage 1 Christmas performance and the concert at All Saints' – both of which were hugely enjoyable.

Finally....

If you would like to read more about the Governing Body and the work which we've been doing over the past academic year, then please see the annual Governance Statement on the 'Governors' page of the school website.

Merry Christmas!

How to contact us: If you wish to raise an issue about the governance of the school, please feel free to write to the Chair via the school office or email: office@staplehurst.kent.sch.uk.