



Governors' Newsletter

Kings Cliffe Endowed School Governing Body Newsletter

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Hello and Welcome

What a busy term it has been. Read our Governor newsletter to find out what we have been up to.

Welcome to the spring edition of the Governor newsletter. It is an aim of our school's governing body to ensure that communication and links between governors, staff, parents and children remain strong. Hopefully this newsletter will meet part of this aim. Please do let us know if there is anything you would like to see included in the newsletter. You can contact the Chair of Governors either through the school office or by e-mail: chair@kingscliffeschool.co.uk

Goodbye & Welcome



Unfortunately, we had to say goodbye to Helen Kenyon, our teaching and learning governor this term. Helen has too many work commitments and she feels she would like to step down from the governing body for a while. She may come back at a later date if her work commitments allow. We would like to thank Helen for all her hard work and commitment to the governing body throughout the years. We will miss her valuable contributions.



We are pleased to welcome Martin Fern back onto the governing body. As he was heavily involved in the building of the new school Martin stepped down from the governing body due to the conflict of interest. We are really pleased to welcome Martin back onto our governing body as the new school has finished. Martin will be a real asset to the team particularly in relation to the premises, so thank you for agreeing to come back on as a co-opted governor.

WOW! What an historical term.

We are thrilled with our new school. The governors would like to thank everyone involved for their hard work throughout the project which has taken four years.

We are extremely grateful to all the staff and their families who worked throughout the half term holiday to ensure that the new school was ready for the children on their return. The staff worked incredibly hard and the very positive feedback from parents, relatives and the wider community was much appreciated. The children have a fantastic facility where they can **grow a love for learning**.



The children explored their new environment . . . and enjoyed lessons in their new classrooms

Governor Roles & Responsibilities

The Teaching and Learning Governors have conducted pupil interviews, met with the Assessment Leader to discuss pupil performance and Governors have also attended a celebration assembly.

Finance Governors have met regularly with the Bursar and Head Teacher to ensure the school is in a good position financially and monitored expenditures.

We thank the PFA for their contribution to the playground equipment. Feedback from the children has been overwhelmingly positive and they are really appreciative of the equipment and the markings.

Our library looks amazing and it has been agreed that we should invest in good quality texts particularly for our older children. The shelves are filling up fast and it is a fantastic place to be. Our children are certainly 'growing a love for reading' as a result of the space. We would like to thank Mrs. Meredith and Mrs. Wallington for giving up their time to help set up the library in the half term and for volunteering as librarians every Thursday.

We have also had meetings with senior leaders who are responsible for assessment and SEND to discuss what their roles involve and to ensure appropriate provision is being made for all of our pupils.



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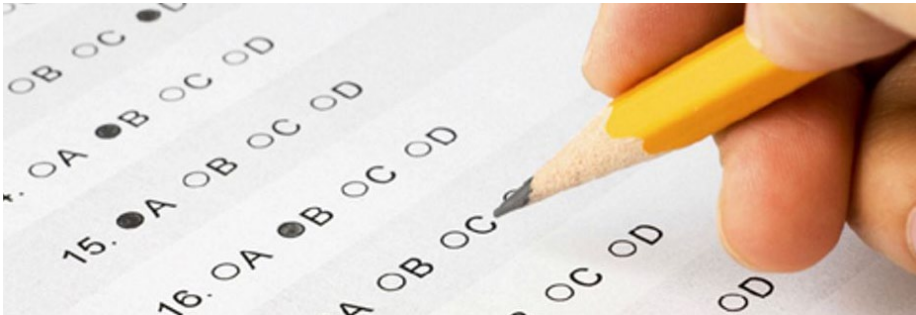
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Year 6

During the forthcoming weeks Governors will be monitoring closely Year 6. This is the very first time we have had a Year 6 cohort therefore it's going to be an exciting time: celebration events to mark their time in our school; ensuring the transition to different

secondary schools runs smoothly and of course, before all these commence, SATs. Governors would like to wish our first Year 6 cohort the very best of luck. They have been working incredibly hard in preparation for this and we know they will do very well.



Parental Engagement

Once again 100% of our parents came into school for Parents' Evening!



This term we are again very pleased to announce a fabulous 100% of our parents have attended parents' evening. The hall was buzzing with positive comments and the feedback has been extremely good.

We understand that sometimes it can be a little difficult or inconvenient to attend and will do what we can to afford you the time to speak to your children's teachers as this is integral to their learning.

We also look forward to finding out about your thoughts in the summer term through our annual questionnaires. Please ensure you complete these as it is important to us that we receive your feedback.

Additionally the hall was the place for our first whole school disco run by the PFA. It was attended by more children than ever. We would like to thank the PFA for making this such a successful event.

New smartphone App

In case you missed it, KCEPS have a new App. Available for tablets and smart phones it brings you pushed updates of any news, galleries and events. It will also be used to alert you of changes to scheduled events due to weather etc. Please go to your App store and search for "school news" or visit our [web page](#) follow the links to your store at the bottom of the page and follow instructions.



New web site



News
World Book Day

Events
Thursday 24 May 2017
Year 3 assembly @ 2:00pm
Wednesday 24 May 2017
May Pole Festival @ 2:00pm - 4:00pm
Wednesday 24 May 2017
May Day & Village

I would like to Thank Pierre Tanner for his continued hard work on keeping the website up to date. Please have a look at our new [website](#). Do let us know if there is anything you would like to see on the website.



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Martin Fern

To find out more about the roles of our governors and their vital contribution to the childrens' education and futures please visit the [Governors page](#) on our web site where you will find more detailed information about us.

And Finally



All the staff and governors would like to thank you all for your warm and positive remarks about our new school and wish you a very happy Easter.

To those of you going away, have a lovely time and to those staying at home enjoy your time off.

We will see you all in the next term, our first summer term in our new school. It should be a remarkable and exciting term with our May Pole Festival and our Sports Days bringing some highlights to the term along with all the other fantastic events everyone looks forward to.



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