



Corby Glen Primary School

This year is flying by and I can't believe we are approaching the Easter holidays. We have certainly been very busy since January and no doubt you have noticed changes in and around school. We hope you agree that these changes have been beneficial to all those involved.

Mrs Waites has settled into her role as our head teacher and has enjoyed getting to know all the children. She has spent time with all staff and has been able to visit all the classrooms, whether it is to teach or to observe lessons in action. It has been a pleasure getting to know her in my role as Chair of Governors and listening to her innovative ideas to develop the teaching and learning our children receive. We will continue to work closely and meet on a regular basis. I have also heard many positive comments from staff, children and parents.

As governors we have undertaken a full review of our governance board, conducted by the local authority and made several changes with regards to the structure and respective committees. We considered individual skills to ensure that our individual roles as governors were most suited. Full details can be found on our website and on the notice board in reception.

Having already met several times this year, it has now been agreed that each committee and the full governance board will meet on at least a quarterly basis. Our next meetings have been scheduled for;

27th April – Full Governance Board
15th June – Teaching, Learning and Standards
29th June - Leadership and Management

All staff and governors are dedicated to moving the school forward and want to enable your child to develop and reach their individual potential.

We are due an Ofsted visit very soon and it is important we hear your voice and what you think of the school. Please visit www.parentview.ofsted.gov.uk to give your views. It is very easy to register and the questionnaire takes no more than 5 minutes.

If as a parent you feel you need to 'disagree' with a statement it would be useful if you could let us know why. We value your opinion and open communication is important. We might not be able to solve the problem but telling us about an issue can only be helpful so please drop us a line, pop into the office or come to the parent consultation evenings. We do want to know if there is a problem, a worry or a concern.

GOVERNORS TALKING TO AND LISTENING TO PARENTS

Communicating with parents is very important to us and we intend to hold an informal drop in meeting at the Parent Consultation evenings. It is an opportunity for you to chat about any school related matters and ask questions about how the school operates. Governors are not able to discuss individual children or visit your child's class.

We also strongly encourage you to complete the questionnaire as detailed above. Our intention is to collate the results every academic year. Your feedback is valued.

GOVERNORS IN SCHOOL

Governors are often in school. It is important that we understand what is actually happening. It enables us to ask more in depth questions and be effective in our role.



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Visits are arranged throughout the year and each have a particular focus, whether it be Maths, English, Early Years, Special Education Needs or simply seeing the lessons in action. We may even use the opportunity to see the policies and methods of learning which have been discussed within our meetings.

During the Summer Term we also hope to introduce a Governor/Staff evening where it gives governors the opportunity of meeting with teachers outside the classroom. As per our individual roles, staff also have similar responsibilities and having some dedicated time will allow us to discuss how the subject is being developed and monitored, pupil progress and attainment. It may also provide time to see how the subject fits into the curriculum, new ways of teaching and resource requirements.

GOVERNORS TALKING TO AND LISTENING TO THE CHILDREN

As you know at the start of each academic year, each class vote for their School Council representatives. They meet on a weekly basis as it is very important to us that the children have a voice in the way our school is run. It's also a chance for them to see democracy in action. A member of staff acts as a facilitator to support the meetings. So far this year, they have interviewed Head Teachers, Teachers and have had input with lunchtime changes, charity and sporting events.

We are hoping to introduce a governor visit on a regular basis to participate with school council discussions and increase governor awareness amongst the children.

A LOOK BACK IN PICTURES



Thank you for your continued support and I wish you a very Happy Easter - enjoy the holidays!

Kindest Regards,

Nicola Bentman

Chair of Governors