



# Corby Glen Primary School

As we come to the end of another busy year, the governing body would like to thank all parents, carers, children and staff for their commitment, support and hard work. Our aim is to provide a safe, fun and enriched environment which engages children and allows them to be the best they can be. Our school has had many highlights this year;

- Both EYFS and KS2 have experienced external moderation where teacher's judgements are validated. In EYFS the moderator was impressed with the way our Early Years staff monitors and evaluates the learning of reception children. In KS2, a particular focus on writing. The moderator was able to see a good range of written work across the English curriculum and the school are developing good practices for moderation with other schools. We would like to thank all involved for their time and commitment during this process and are very proud of the positive outcomes.
- All staff have undertaken phonics and first aid training. They have been encouraged to participate in various staff development and one member has had the privilege of a bespoke training programme with an aim to raise standards and develop innovative practice in English.
- Our Early Years outside provision is being developed with new equipment being installed ahead of next term. The process has not been easy and we have had to negotiate hard to achieve the facilities. I know the staff are very excited and I'm sure the children will enjoy the benefits next year.
- As part of the school's self-evaluation process, we have been supported by our Education Advisor and this has helped staff focus on areas for improvement. We would like to congratulate all staff on the progress made since January.
- Our maths workshop was well attended by parents, many of whom wished it had happened sooner. It was an opportunity to see equipment on display, explanations of calculation, measures of assessment and children thoroughly enjoyed demonstrating their skills! If you aren't aware, our maths calculation policy can be found on the website - [www.corbyglen.lincs.sch.uk/uploads/4/6/3/8/46387005/maths\\_calculation\\_policy.pdf](http://www.corbyglen.lincs.sch.uk/uploads/4/6/3/8/46387005/maths_calculation_policy.pdf)
- Following the successful application, our school secured local funding for the new trim trail equipment which I know the children have loved using. Thank you Mrs Whadcock for all your hard work.
- Children have taken part in many sporting events, both individually and competitively. We would like to thank all those involved with coaching and assisting with transport, without their support we could not continue to deliver the excellent provision and opportunities.
- Our library is still being completed but is almost finished, with all staff determined this will be operational by start of next year. Thank you to kids club for their kind donations of new carpet and decorating. Not forgetting all the volunteers who have helped assemble book shelves and assisted with sorting books.
- Plans for spending continue with enhanced security access into school, new carpets in certain areas, decoration of the hall and refurbishment of both kids club and the mobile classroom. Not only will it serve as an improved space for kids club, but it can also be used by staff and children throughout the day as workspace and support for individual children.
- Our "Friends of Corby Glen" have organised multiple events and have given a lovely community feel to the year, as well as raising money for our school. I know it has been pledged for the outdoor environment and I would like to thank all those who are involved and give up their time.



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## **GOVERNANCE BOARD**

Some of the vocabulary used by the government to describe governors includes; challenging, rigorous, vigorous, relentless, ruthless, courageous, dynamic, asking the right questions, strategic, skilful, supportive...’.

It’s not always easy, requires a lot of commitment and hard work, but we are proud of what we have achieved this year and have been recently praised by local authority on two separate occasions. To be an effective team, we need to have a good spread of skills and we currently have three parent vacancies. We are particularly interested in anyone who has an interest or experience in procurement, grants, marketing, PR, and data analysis.

You don’t have to be an expert: interest and enthusiasm are the main requirements and you will have training. Please enquire via the school office before 8<sup>th</sup> July if you are interested.

As some of you know, we have thoroughly reviewed the structure of our governance board and I am pleased to welcome Reverend Stephen Buckman and David Hemming, both of whom will no doubt become valued members of the team.

Our notice board in reception is being updated to include photos of all members and the section on our website details all our governors, which committees they are involved with and any individual role they have been allocated.

Governors meet at least four times a year as a full governance board, with our other two committees meeting as often as required to address needs of the school; whether it is specific to teaching, learning and standards, or leadership and management.

We always welcome feedback from all those involved with our school so that any matters can be addressed at the appropriate meeting. Please feel free to approach governors in person or email;

[clerk@corbyglen.lincs.sch.uk](mailto:clerk@corbyglen.lincs.sch.uk)

## **GOVERNORS TALKING TO AND LISTENING TO PARENTS**

For the first time, we attended parent consultation evening and managed a governor helpdesk. Some of you were pleasantly surprised at our attendance and it was a good opportunity to raise suggestions, offer feedback and just put names to faces. Discussions included homework, reports, workshops, newsletters and what was involved in being a governor.

I am pleased to confirm that the homework policy will be reviewed over the next few months with details being confirmed by Mrs Waites at the start of September.

Reports will also be issued on 8<sup>th</sup> July, which is earlier than we have been accustomed and gives you the opportunity of speaking to your child’s teacher before end of term should you have any queries. We will also be asking you to complete a questionnaire about your views of the school and I would strongly encourage you to complete this. It’s reassuring to know when things are going well but also what can be improved, only then can action be taken.

An English workshop is scheduled for the autumn term and I will continue to produce regular newsletters which I hope you find useful.

We also hope to attend more school events so you have the opportunity of sharing any views or find out more about what we do on the governance board. Please remember if there are matters regarding individual



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children, or day to day issues on running of the school, we encourage you to speak in the first instance to the class teacher or Mrs Waites.

## GOVERNORS IN SCHOOL

As Governors we have been involved with;

- Committee meetings - reviewing teaching standards, academic achievements, financial projects
- Training and development - whether this be online courses or bespoke day/evening events
- Recruitment
- Safeguarding
- Policies
- Visits from local authority
- School trips/events

I personally meet with Mrs Waites on a regular basis, keeping up to date with changes, improvements and plans for the school, which then feeds into our respective committee meetings.

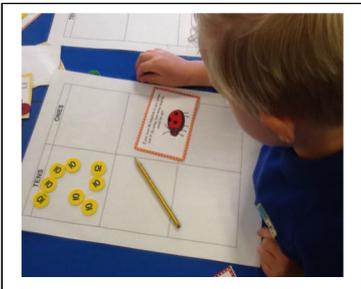
When governor's visit school or accompany children on school trips it is always pleasing to see excellent behaviour, positive attitudes and relationships with their peers. It is emphasised by visitors to the school and we have all received many compliments on their good manners and enthusiasm for learning.

## GOVERNORS TALKING TO AND LISTENING TO THE CHILDREN

Members of the school council meet regularly and take suggestions from their individual class suggestion boxes. They discuss ideas of how they would like to see improvements within the school and I know they have been involved with lunchtime changes, behaviour policy, new houses and awards. They are also keen to help and support their friends with charity events.

Children will be asked to complete a questionnaire about their time at school and governors will not only be reviewing the responses, but one of us is also going to try and attend more regularly the school council meetings.

## A LOOK BACK IN PICTURES



Enjoy the holidays!

Regards,

*Nicola Bentman*  
Chair of Governors

