

From the School Governing Body - April 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we move into the last part of the school year the Governors have a number of important tasks to complete. One of the most important is the budget for the next school year. Things have gone pretty well this year, but each year there are new challenges. The Governors continue to try to make the best provision available for all the school within the available resources. Much of this comes down to detailed day-to-day management of all aspects of the school activities, which is done with great skill and imagination by Mrs Tyler and the senior management team.

During this last term the Governing Body has been involved in the following:

- Ongoing involvement in monitoring of raising attainment
- Supervision of financial management including the budget for 2018/19
- Review and agreement of school policies
- Monitoring performance data
- Monitoring pupil premium

As Governors we make many visits to school over the course of a term. Each time we visit we discuss what we have seen and use our knowledge to support Mrs Tyler and the staff to ensure that the children are receiving the best possible education.

A monitoring week took place last term focussing on maths. Governors observed some really exciting lessons taking place in the classrooms and were really impressed with the imaginative approach to the curriculum which was clearly engaging the children.

I have personally made many visits to school last term and I am never ceased to be amazed by the hard work and dedication of the staff. I am also immensely proud of the children in their care. They are a great credit to the school. You as parents/carers have every reason to feel proud of your children.

We care passionately about providing the children with an education that will prepare them for life in the 21st century. We want the children at Anston Park

Infants to be confident, independent learners who know how to make informed decisions about the choices they make in life.

As parents and carers, you have an important role in supporting your child/children at home and this helps greatly in their learning in school and I would like to thank you all for your continued commitment and support that you all show to Anston Park Infant School, it is very much appreciated. I look forward to working in partnership with you all this term to move the school on to greater success in the future.

There is a continuing and important role for parents as members of the Governing Body. We still require more Parent Governors than we currently have. If any of you think they would be interested in sharing in this important role in supporting the school, please let me know.

Since my last newsletter, Anston Park Infants School has become a member of White Woods Primary Academy Trust. This is an exciting time in the school's history and we look forward to working in partnership with the other schools in the academy.

Finally, on behalf of the school I would like to ask any family which is planning to take holiday during school time to please consult the school before making a booking. It is of course to be preferred that holidays are taken during the school holiday time, but we all understand there are many reasons why a holiday might be planned during term. Parents may not be aware of the impact that a particular timing might have on their child, especially if it includes the start of a new class. The school will be happy to advise.

Cathy Moutry
Chair of Governors