

From the School Governing Body - April 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

Easter is close, and I hope your children have enjoyed the run-up to Easter at school.

From a governance point of view, Spring is the end of the school's financial year so one of our most important items of business this term is next year's budget. You'll be aware that school budgets are tight, so budgeting is challenging. The governors have spent many hours planning a balanced budget, often contending with changes in expected income as the funding picture changes through the year. Although the funding picture does not look as if it will improve soon, we do not currently see cause for serious concern; as ever, though, the school will need to keep a close eye on future spend.

A second important item is consultation with parents. We always encourage parents to communicate with the school directly and we greatly appreciate the way so many parents attend parents' evenings and parent meetings for particular topics. We also like to understand how well parents think the school is doing on a range of important issues; behaviour, teaching, personal development, school leadership and so on. To help with that, we have carried out a parent survey last term. We currently expect to send the results of the survey to parents next term. We greatly appreciate your comments in regards to various aspects of the school.

A monitoring week took place last term focussing on science. Governors observed various science activities in school and were really impressed with the imaginative approach to the curriculum which was clearly engaging the children. Some of the children were so engrossed in their science experiences that they stayed in a playtime to complete their science observations!

I would also like to thank Mrs Beech who has recently re established the school PTA. The PTA plays a very important role within school and I am looking forward to the various activities they have planned to help raise essential funds for school - decorating an Easter egg competition and film night.

I wish you all a happy Easter break,

Yours sincerely,

Cathy Moutry

Chair of Governors - Anston Park Infants School