



# GOVERNOR NEWSLETTER

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**Dear Redbourn Primary School Families,**

As the school year comes to an end, please join me in thanking Miss Fenn, the Senior Leadership Team and the staff for all their hard work and dedication to the school and our community this year. A huge welcome to the new teaching staff joining us in September, and a big thank you to the staff who are leaving us this year – we wish you all the best for the future.

As always, the summer term has been a busy one for the Governors. The annual 'Working Together Day', in which all of the Governing Board spend a full day in school, included a morning in classrooms observing first-hand how many of the strategic initiatives established with the objective of continuous improvement for the school are translating into the children's learning and development. The Governors were particularly impressed with the children's behaviour and attitude to learning, alongside the progress being made in implementing a number of new curriculum schemes.

Over the term we assisted staff on Sports Day as well as at the school's open evening, which provided a good opportunity to meet many of you, as well as prospective new families, as children explored their new classes for next year. The Governor team have also accompanied the children on a number of school trips (London, Hertfordshire Zoo, Bhaktivedanta Manor, and many more), alongside attending assemblies and helping to invigilate the Year 6 SATS. These numerous interactions within the school provide Governors with an ability to directly observe how many of the strategic matters discussed in Governing Board meetings are being applied in practice, and I am keen to re-iterate my thanks to each of my Governor colleagues for volunteering their time for the important (and rewarding!) roles they play.

Congratulations to our Year 6 children on their SATs results, and for an outstanding performance of 'Peter Pan': so many lines remembered, beautiful singing and perfect comic timing. It was evident that a great amount of work went into the preparations, and it was fantastic to see Year 6 work together as a team to produce such a wonderful show – a big well done to all involved. More broadly, it has been wonderful to see the number of sporting and musical opportunities that the children have also had this year, successfully competing in a number of inter-school competitions, and performing a number of musical showcases, both inside and outside of school.

As part of providing strategic accountability, the Governors have been meeting regularly with the Senior Leadership Team (SLT) and class teachers as the school continually strives to improve and embed our curriculum enabling the best possible outcomes for our children. The Board are also responsible for setting the school's budget for the next year and determining how the available funding is best utilised to meet the school's strategic objectives. As you may already be aware from headlines, the level of per pupil funding from local authorities is not matching the rising costs faced by schools across the country; in addition, it is becoming increasingly clear that falling birth rates across Hertfordshire are impacting schools' abilities to fill available spaces (which directly impacts school funding). The Governors have been supporting the SLT in evaluating the strategic and financial implications of these challenging area-wide dynamics to ensure the school remains financially robust whilst delivering its own priorities and objectives.

Given this backdrop, the school is very grateful for the continued support you provide to enable events and activities organised by the RPTA, as well as contributions that support trips and extra-curricular clubs. We look forward to engaging with parents around other initiatives to broaden the school's sources of income. At the same time, we are also conscious of financial constraints faced by many families. The school website has a page dedicated to providing information and support for those impacted by the cost of living crisis.

A specific thank you to the RPTA Team who have worked incredibly hard this year organising events to raise funds for the school and thank you to you all for your incredibly generous contributions. The Strawberry Fayre and Summer Ball were a fantastic success, raising over £5,000 that will contribute to crucial projects to support your children's learning and experience at Redbourn Primary.

On behalf of the Governing Board, I wish you and your children a relaxing and happy Summer break, and the best of luck to our Year 6s with their transition to secondary school.

With best wishes,

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## GOVERNOR UPDATE:

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### **T H A N K Y O U ...**

A heartfelt thank you to the Governing Board. We are very fortunate to have a dedicated group of skilled volunteers who work hard throughout the year.

### **P A R E N T V O I C E ...**

Thank you for your feedback via the Parent Focus Group (PFG). All key feedback received is shared with the Governing Board. If you are unsure who your class representative is, please contact the office and they will put you in touch.

### **V A C A N C Y ...**

We have a vacancy for a co-opted Governor. If you know someone who would be keen to support the school and join our board, please put them in touch with the school office for a no obligation chat. The current vacancy is for a non - school parent.

### **N E X T B O A R D M E E T I N G S ...**

*(for information only)*

9/10/24 – Full Board

27/11/24 – Full Board