



GOVERNOR NEWSLETTER

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Dear Redbourn School Families,

I am delighted that Ofsted has rated Redbourn Primary School GOOD in all areas. I would like to take the opportunity to thank Miss Fenn, the Senior Leadership Team and all the staff for all their hard work and dedication to the school and our community. The leaders of the school evaluate progress against our school improvement plan throughout the year and I was pleased to note that the areas of success and improvement identified by the inspectors aligned with the school's self-evaluation and plans.

It has been a busy and fun year so far for the Governing Board. The Governors have undertaken a number of visits to the school, including school trips, theme days, assemblies and assistance with the administering of the year 6 Mock SATS alongside regular subject link visits. The children's behaviour has been exemplary throughout.

It's been great to see the number of extra-curricular opportunities that the children have had so far this year, successfully competing in a variety of inter-school competitions, and performing a number of musical showcases, both inside and outside of school. I was fortunate enough to join the choir on their recent visit to the Royal Albert Hall, and it was such a wonderful experience to hear the children singing accompanied by the famous grand organ.

As highlighted in my previous newsletter, and during our Parent Governor Forum evening, schools are currently facing a number of budgetary constraints as a result of the level of Government funding available to schools. In addition, the number of children in Hertfordshire, and nationwide, has greatly reduced. School funding is received on a 'per child' basis. This means the reduction in child numbers, and therefore children enrolled at the school, directly reduces the funding the school receives. Budgeting is a key element of Governance and the Board work closely with the school to ensure that a balanced budget can be delivered. Inevitably, in the face of cuts, this will result in some difficult choices being made as leaders endeavour to limit any impacts on the children arising from financial decisions. The school will keep you up to date with any key decisions made.

Speaking of finances, a big 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. Also, you will be aware that the Governors are soon to be launching the THRIVE fund. These funds will not replace the reduced funding but will allow the school to continue offering some of the enrichment opportunities currently on offer at the school. We hope to announce details of the fund in the very near future.

On behalf of the Governing Board, I wish you and your children a happy summer term.

With best wishes,

Cara Brazier, Chair of Governors, Redbourn Primary School
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GOVERNOR UPDATES:

SPRING 2025

A HUGE WELCOME TO ...

...our newest Governors Sarah Murray and Victoria Finnemore, both of whom bring a wealth of skills and experience to the Board.

GOODBYE AND THANK YOU ...

...to Robin Slatter and Rachel Mackie. Both Robin and Rachel have served a full four-year term, with Robin very kindly staying on in his role as Vice-chair for an extended period. A huge thank you to them both for their invaluable contribution. They will both be hugely missed. We will also greatly miss Mrs Bowran, whose contribution to the school, over the years, has been immeasurable.

CONGRATULATIONS

...to Vicky Knowles who has taken on the role of Vice Chair of the board, and Chair of the Curriculum Committee.

VACANCY ...

We have a new 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.

NEXT MEETINGS ...

15/5/25 – Full Board Meeting.

25/6/25 – Working Together Day and Full Board Meeting (for information only).