Ingleby Mill Primary School Summer Term 2015 Governors' Newsletter





It is hard to believe we are fast approaching the end of this Academic Year. It has been a busy time for all since our last newsletter, therefore the Governing Body and I would like to keep you up to date with our work.

It is our aim, along with the staff, to make the school the very best that it can be and give the children the best possible start in life.

There is a list of the Governors on the school website and below. Members of the Body all have different areas of expertise. Do consult the website to find out more information.

Attendance

I am pleased to see that attendance levels at school are 96.7% which is above the national average. Each class's attendance is recorded and we hold parties every term for those children who have achieved 100% attendance.

Unfortunately, unauthorised absence in school has more than doubled this year due to families taking their children out of school for holidays during term time. As a Governing Body we have decided, at this time, that we will not impose fines but if this trend of unauthorised absence continues, we may need to reconsider our attendance policy.

I would ask you to help us by avoiding taking your children out of school during term time.

School Building Improvements

During the summer holidays, our caretakers will be very busy with repairs and maintenance around school.

They will be decorating Team 1 which includes the classrooms and shared areas for Years 5 and Years 6.

We will also be replacing toilet doors in the hall, as requested by our School Council.

PTA - Friends of Ingleby Mill

Please continue to support the PTA in their various fundraising activities by coming along to their events and spending your money! What they do for school is invaluable and the children benefit from your generosity. I know they are always looking for help and new volunteers to help organise the various fundraising events and activities in school. If you are able to offer your help, please let Mrs Brown or Mrs Coverdale know.

Fundraising Events Coming Up

Picnic and Proms on the Playground – Friday 19th June 2015 - this is a new event for this year and we look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible as we enjoy live music and food.

Keeping you up to date

Over the last term, Governors have set the budget for school for the next financial year. Our priorities are to improve both standards of achievement and Teaching and Learning and so school funds will be directed towards achieving these objectives. Balancing the school budget is always a particularly challenging time but this year, as the number of children joining us in September 2015 is well below what we anticipated, it has proved even more difficult. As a Governing Body we are looking to address this in the coming months.

Mrs Totty presented her termly Head Teacher's Report for consideration and many monitoring activities have been undertaken by Governors such as learning walks and book looks.

We always enjoy coming into school and spending time with our children and staff.

Parking

Parking on and around the roundabout continues to be a problem for school. Please can I ask that everyone parks considerately when visiting school – keeping our children safe is paramount! Any suggestions or feedback regarding issues pertaining to car parks and areas outside of the school gates should be addressed to me and submitted via the school office.

Governors Meetings

Below is a calendar of this term's forthcoming meetings. These meetings are only open to governors, however, if you feel an issue needs to be considered, it is a good idea to contact us in good time before the meeting. If you have a concern about your child, or about a day-to-day issue within the school, it is always best to speak to your child's teacher first. Mrs Totty and Mrs Coverdale are always happy to discuss concerns with you.

Wednesday 10 th	Finance and Staffing
June 2015	Committee
Thursday 25 th	Buildings Committee
June 2015	
Wednesday 8th	Full Governing Body
July 2015	

On behalf of our Governing Body, I would like to thank you for your continued support – it is greatly appreciated. Our school is a success due to the dedication and commitment of our children, parents and staff. I would like to wish you and your families a very enjoyable summer.

Steve Watson Chair of Governors