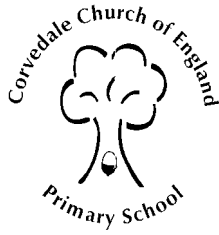


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Dear Parents

The annual governors' meeting was held on November 21st. David Hedgley was re-elected as Chair and Anson Crouch as Vice Chair of Governors, both until November 2019. Sara Capleton has stood down as an associate Governor due to work commitments and Mike Radford (Foundation Governor) and Jules Edwards (Parent Governor) have both stood down at the end of their terms of office. All were thanked for their contributions and hard work. Jill Rallings is joining us as the new Foundation Governor and Victoria Oldhams was elected as the new Parent Governor, so the Governing Body is back up to strength.

As part of Ofsted's audit process the Governors reviewed the state of the school using the four main Ofsted headings to produce a Governor Impact Statement. A summary of this assessment follows but the Impact Statement will be posted in full on the website.

Leadership and management is a major area of governor influence and we have spent time identifying the school's strengths and weaknesses through surveys, data assessments, external reports and discussions which link into the rolling 5 year Strategic Planning Document and School Development Plan 2017-18. More specifically:

- We are continuing to work with Corvedale Centre for Children (CCfC) over its long term future.
- We will be approaching the Bishop Anthony Educational Trust with a view to achieving academy status within their organisation after a consultation with all parties including parents.
- We have liaised with the Village Hall Committee over long term parking issues and have agreed a joint approach to this to improve pedestrian safety and maximise sensible parking.
- A rolling programme of building maintenance is in place which has seen the kitchen refurbished, new electronic gates fitted and the security of the site improved to allow the playground to be used at weekends and in the holidays without compromising the safety of the site or the CCfC when it's open and the school is closed.
- Our School Improvement Advisor's Report (SIA) again commented on the strong leadership that exists in the school and the recent Parental Survey showed overwhelming positive parental feedback. The full results of the survey will be published on the website.
- The website has been upgraded under a new provider. Comments about the site are always welcome.
- We have changed our catering provider to provide hopefully a lower cost and more personalised service.
- Despite increased numbers of teaching staff we have produced a balanced budget.

In the recent Parental Survey 100% of parents thought that the school was well led and responsive to concerns.

Within teaching, learning and assessment we identified a potential problem in Years 4/5/6 over pupil numbers and have employed extra teaching staff so that the group could be split into two smaller classes. This builds on the foundations provided last year with extra staffing in the mornings for that group. The rolling programme of reviewing all subject areas performance with link governors has been continued. In the recent Parental Survey 100% of parents thought that their child is taught well and making good progress.

Within personal development, behaviour and welfare our Local Authority Safer School Report confirmed that our pupils are safe and cared for by staff and each other. Pupil numbers have increased and attendance figures in all groups are good. Behaviour data is good which is reflected in the Parental Survey which saw the question "Looking after your child and ensuring that the children are well behaved" with 100% positive responses.

In the important area of Outcomes the School Improvement Advisor's summary of the 2017 national data states that "it is the most positive and consistent that the data has been for several years and supports a judgement of Good". Writing especially in KS1 still needs improving and will be addressed within the approved School Improvement Plan for 2017-18. Overall the SIA Report now records the school as Good in all the 4 Ofsted categories mentioned above. As a result the school has been moved from needing a medium level of support from the Local authority to needing a low level of support. In the recent Parental Survey 100% of parents described the school as excellent (90%) or good (10%).

We hope that this letter demonstrates to you the continued commitment of the Governors to strategically drive the school forward and to back the staff in their day-to-day operations to deliver our long term strategic vision which is to help all our pupils to "love learning and love life" in a school environment that is safe and sustainable. We welcome any comments from parents about our work.

It only remains to thank you all for your continued support of the school and for us to thank all the staff for their continued hard work, commitment and for the positive cheerful outlook they bring to the school which was strongly reflected in the Parental Survey and KS1 & KS2 results.

Again a big thanks to SOCS for all they do and a strong plea to support them fully as the extra funds they raise make a big difference.

We like you and the pupils are sorry for the disruption caused by the snow to our last week of terms events but fully support the Head teacher in the difficult decisions he made in the best interest of everyone.

We wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

D. Hedgley on behalf of the Governing Body