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NEWSLETTER

For Parents and Carers

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Dear Parents and Carers

Governors have continued to meet on a half-termly basis and our last meeting was held just before half term. Sometimes people ask what governors actually do. The information which everyone received at the time of the last parent governor election can be found on the school website, but in a nutshell - governors have *three core functions*. They are responsible for

- **the strategic direction of the school**, that is deciding on our longer term planning, aims and values;
- **holding the school leaders to account for the school's performance outcomes**, that is pupil progress and the quality of children's learning including their behaviour;
- **ensuring that the finances of the school are well used.**

Governing body survey

As you know in the Spring we conducted our annual governing body survey of parent/carer views of the school. This was again a very pleasing endorsement of all the developments that were put in place to improve the quality of education at Greasbrough and of the improvements that continue to be made. Governors reported the findings to senior leaders and discussed follow-up actions where appropriate. A summary of the outcomes of the survey will be posted on the web-site soon. 140 responses were analysed after parents'

evening. Governors would be really grateful if any parents who met staff at other times and received their questionnaire via their child, could let us have their form back please, so that your views can be included in the final analysis. There were many positives, but the survey usefully highlighted that the school needs to do more to make some parents aware of all the steps now being taken to ensure that bullying, including on-line bullying, is being addressed very seriously in our school. Some additional resources are being planned for the web-site to help you to play your part too and a new magazine has been ordered for all families which contains lots of useful advice and guidance to ensure we all take seriously our responsibility to keep children safe on-line.

Supporting good behaviour

Governors were very concerned to hear that the behaviour of a small minority of children had fallen below what we all expect at Greasbrough. Governors are confident that the school is continuing to develop appropriate strategies for promoting good behaviour and were pleased to hear that the closure day on June 23rd will be used to further develop the school's approaches. You can help the school too, by signing up for the class DOJOs and your full support in working with staff to help your own child to behave well at *all* times is absolutely essential and much valued.

New Maths Passports

Given the enormous changes to the national assessment arrangements this year, governors were especially pleased to see that the vast majority of parents still felt well informed about their child's progress. Following discussion in a recent meeting, governors were delighted to see that revised Maths Passports had now been introduced following discussions about this in a previous governing body meeting. We hope that you are finding these helpful. A new flight path should also help you to see what is expected of children at different ages and stages of development.

Congratulations!

As we await the outcomes of 2016 statutory assessments, governors were thrilled to hear that the national analysis of 2015 data has placed Greasbrough as the **fifth best** school in the country for narrowing the gap between those children eligible for pupil premium and all other children. This is a quite remarkable achievement and governors are confident that you will want to join us in congratulating all the staff. This is a credit to everyone who has contributed to raising standards and narrowing the gap, including parents and carers who continue to work hard to support children's learning at home. Thank you everyone.

Best wishes from your Local Governing Body at Greasbrough Primary School