



Newsletter

Governing Body of Sunnymede Junior School

Welcome to this Newsletter from the Governing Body of Sunnymede Junior School.

We do hope that you enjoy the news contained within this edition.

Our Year 6 Pupils have recently completed their SATS and we will share the results with you in due course.

The Governing Body remains focussed on the strategic planning of the School and as we continue to embed the ongoing Government led changes to the curriculum and assessment methodology we will try and keep you as up to date as possible with the School's progress through these Newsletters.

Please remember the School Governors are accessible so don't be afraid to speak with us.

Thank you for your continued support of the School.

Kindest Regards,

Richard Burgess ACIEH, MCIM

Chair of Governors
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Introducing your Governing Body

The Governing Body is currently made up of 11 Governors:

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| 1. Richard Burgess
Trust Governor (Chair) | 7. Nicky Rackham
Parent Governor |
| 2. Ronnie Branch
Head Teacher | 8. Charissa Guy
Co-opted Governor (Teaching & Learning Lead) |
| 3. Margaret Thomas
Local Authority Governor | 9. Jane Lyon
Co-opted Governor |
| 4. Robert Smith
Trust Governor (Vice Chair) | 10. Laura Maclean
Staff Governor |
| 5. Liz Dillon
Parent Governor | 11. Tom Burton
Co-opted Governor (Finance Lead) |
| 6. Michelle Wain
Parent Governor | |



School Improvements in 2016

The Governing Body continues to drive the School forward by investing funds into the ongoing development of the School – even during these difficult financial times for Education in the UK. These developments and plans include, but are not solely limited to:

- Rolling program of general school redecoration continues
- Log Cabin has been split into 2 separate areas for learning
- Pond Area has been enhanced by the fitting of a fence and gate to ensure safe access
- New picnic benches have been ordered for the area near the Pond - courtesy of the PTA
- New electronic gates have been fitted to the Schools main entrance to complete the required security of the entire site
- Lower school staff toilets have been refurbished
- Head Teacher's office has had new secure storage added
- Visualisers in the form of ipads have been ordered for each classroom
- 32 additional lap tops ordered for the new IT Suite
- Old IT Suite de-commissioned and new Suite which can also be used as a classroom created – work still in progress
- New Audio & Visual equipment fitted in the Hall
- School Wi-fi upgraded

Academy Conversion

The Governing Body has looked into this option following the Government's reversal no longer forcing Schools to make the change. At this time there is no beneficial outcome for our Pupils, staff or the School as a whole and we have therefore decided to not consider converting.

The Governing Body will reconsider converting if further evidence becomes available that demonstrates this would be the right outcome for our Pupils and Staff.

Parent Questionnaires

This year we have sent questionnaires to each Year Group and received 104 responses. We would like to thank you for returning them. They make a huge contribution to the School.

Going forward, so we can track the progress the School is making as your children change Year Groups, they will be issued again as follows:

- Year 3 June 2017
- Year 4 May 2017
- Year 5 March 2017
- Year 6 February 2017

The results were extremely positive, for example:

- **98%** of parents would recommend the School to another parent
- **96%** of parents strongly agreed or agreed that their children are happy at School
- **100%** of parents strongly agreed or agreed that their children felt safe at School
- **92%** of parents strongly agreed or agreed that their children made good progress at School
- **95%** of parents strongly agreed or agreed that the School is well led and managed

A number of Parents made comments about the new assessment methodology – this is equally as new to all Schools in 2016 and please be assured that once the SATS data has been issued we will be in a much better position to explain in detail to you how this is going to look going forward.

Our Current Mission and Vision Statement is:

Sunnymede Junior School

Vision

At Sunnymede Junior School we firmly support the concept that Every Child Matters. All children should be:

- Successful learners
- Confident individuals
- Responsible citizens

Mission

We aim to provide a caring and stimulating environment where all pupils are encouraged to thrive both academically and socially. Confidence and independence are highly valued and a positive attitude to learning is expected of everyone within our community. Mutual respect is vital and we attach great importance to the partnership between home and school.

We work hard to ensure optimum intellectual, social, physical and emotional development for all pupils. We do this by:

- Providing full access to the National Curriculum
- Fostering an atmosphere of discovery and learning
- Promoting rigorous standards in work and behaviour
- Ensuring that all pupils have the opportunity to experience success
- Maintaining an ambience of tolerance and respect for all cultures and beliefs

Contact us

Should you need to make contact with the Governing Body please feel free to do so. You can contact us via the School Office or by emailing the Chair of Governors – richardb@alanblunden.co.uk

