

White Bridge Primary School
Confidence, Courage, Challenge, Care



GOVERNORS' NEWSLETTER Spring 2017

Dear Parents

Welcome to the first newsletter from the Governing Body of White Bridge Primary School.

We hope to use this newsletter to give you an overview of the work which the Staff and Governors are doing to ensure that White Bridge is a safe and enjoyable place for your children to learn. Our aim is that, during their time at White Bridge, each child will develop a sense of confidence in their own skills and abilities, a respect for others, a solid foundation of knowledge, and a desire to continue to learn so that they can go on to fulfill their potential at Secondary School and beyond.

Our main focus areas for this year are to (1) improve Governor monitoring of the school; (2) to ensure that Governors receive the training they need to perform their duties; and (3) to improve the teaching and assessment of writing under the new curriculum so that it is effective in achieving good levels of progress and attainment across the school.

If you would like to get in touch, please do so via the school office on tel: 020 8508 8624 or email: admin@whitebridge.essex.sch.uk.

Regards

Nicola Morriss, Chair of Governors





Work of the Governing Body in the Autumn Term 2016:

- Governing Body amended its constitution.
- Review of school data from EYFS, KS1 and KS2.
- Agreement of issues for Governor focus for the academic year 2016/17.
- Review of PSHE policy.
- Review of the Behaviour policy and development of a new, single policy for both KS1 and KS2. (This will be finally approved this term.)
- Safeguarding visit which included a review of the school's systems and staff training.
- Visit to monitor the implementation of the Sports Premium Grant and the extra-curricular provision of sport.
- Governors attended the Christmas concerts for EYFS, KS1 and KS2 which were thoroughly enjoyable and a credit to both pupils and staff.
- Ongoing reviews of the school budget and working with Local

Authority on establishing a new system to work with the school expansion

- Approved purchase of Learn pads (for use in KS2) and two Smartboards.
- The Chair of Governors and Head Teacher continue to have regular weekly meetings.
- The Vice-Chair continues to meet regularly with the Head Teacher to discuss financial matters

Work of the Governing Body in the Spring / Summer Term 2016 to include:

- Monitoring writing across KS1 and KS2 (including teacher assessment and pupil progress)
- Review of work in EYFS
- Monitoring pupil progress and attainment in Phonics
- Monitoring progress and attainment in Reading across KS1 and KS2
- Review of Maths (teaching, progress and attainment)

