



Governor Newsletter

May 2017



Many thanks to all of you who have already completed the **annual survey for parents and carers**. If you have not done so yet, please can we strongly encourage you to do so prior to the survey closing on 30th May.

Responses to the survey are used to help inform the school's thinking regarding priorities for school improvement and development. Governors want to be sure that they have the views of as many people as possible, so please do take a few minutes to complete the online survey which you can find [here](#).

The governors are delighted with the work that has been undertaken on the school playground.

The work has been partly funded from the school's capital budget but a large sum was provided to the school by ODST who, following petition by staff and governors, recognised the health and safety concerns raised by the former playground surface.

Over the half term holiday lines will be drawn on the new surface. Governors are very grateful to The Friends for funding this work.

Over the summer, Astro Turf will be placed on the slope at the back of the playground, which will reduce the amount of mud that currently runs off the school field.



During the last two weeks of term groups of children from every class are being asked what it is like to be a pupil at The Blake School.

The children have also been asked what they think would make the school an even better place and their views will feed into the school's plans for development, alongside those of parents.

We will be sharing the children's comments with you, and them, after the half term break.

We would encourage you to look on the [school website](#) to see the feedback from the children who last year shared what it is like to be a pupil at The Blake School.

Governors now have a **new email address** on which they can be contacted.

If you wish to get in touch with the governors for any reason you can leave a message with the school office, or contact them via

governors@blake.oxon.sch.uk