



Governor Newsletter

July 2018



Parent forum and data headlines

Thank you to those of you who came to the Parent Forum last week. Notes from the event and the data summary are available on the [school website](#)

When Ofsted visited in December 2017 they commented that the data coming through the school was strong. The 2018 data in terms of statutory reporting shows the strength that Ofsted predicted.

79.7% of children in Reception met the Early Learning goals, exceeding both the school's target and the 2017 national standard.

83% of children in Year 1 passed the phonics test, meeting the school's target and exceeding the 2017 national standard.

In Key Stage 1 (Year 2) the percentage of children reaching Age Related Expectations on Reading, Writing and Maths exceeded the school's targets and also the 2017 national standard.

In Key Stage 2 (Year 6) the percentage of children reaching Age Related Expectations in Reading and Writing exceeded or met the school's target and exceeded the 2017 national standard. Scores for Maths and the combined (Reading, Writing, Maths) score are marginally below the school's target and the 2017 national standard and will be a development priority for next year. The percentage of children achieving 'Greater Depth' (Exceeding Age Related Expectations) in Reading and Writing exceeded the percentage of children achieving this nationally in 2017.

At their meeting this month the governors said a massive thank you to Elizabeth Knowles who after five years stepped down from her role as Chair of Governors.

The governors are delighted that Elizabeth will remain as a governor at the school so that they can continue to benefit from her wealth of knowledge and expertise.

Governors presented Elizabeth with a book of memories and reflections on her time as Chair of Governors, which highlights just how well she has led the governing body over the recent past.

The children and staff also said thank you to Elizabeth during collective worship.

The governors look forward to working with Dr Phil Fowler as their new chair of governors.



If you wish to get in touch with the governors you can leave a message with the school office, or you can contact them via governors@blake.oxon.sch.uk

School Development Priorities 2018/19

Staff and governors have agreed the following key development priorities.

1. Distribute excellent practice through the school

- Staff observe each other and develop a coaching culture.
- Staff lead training sessions, share resources and best practice.

2. Children identified as more able are challenged to meet their full potential

- Every lesson includes clearly identified learning challenge.
- Aspirational progress and attainment targets are set and monitored.

3. Develop metacognition so that children have greater confidence to tackle their learning

- All children are clear on what helps them learn, their next steps of learning and how to get there.
- The language of metacognition is used in all areas of learning.

In May every year children in Years 2 and 6 take the statutory government tests, SATs. This year staff have trialled new approaches to these tests and then asked parents for their feedback.

Thank you to those of you who left very helpful comments, which will be used to inform planning for next year.

It was encouraging to read that 93% of parents/carers felt that their children were well prepared for the SATs and 95% felt that during the week of testing itself their children were well supported by the school.

During this term the governors always enjoy attending the various sports events that take place.

Governors are committed to ensuring that the school continues to offer children a wide range of opportunities to excel and sports events are just one part of this.

As always, the children's encouragement of one another and ability to work well together were as much a cause of celebration as sporting achievement.



The governors would like to wish you all a safe and restful summer break!

Attending the final Year 6 performance is one of the great pleasures of being a governor. The show was a fantastic celebration of each and every individual and was an opportunity for children to showcase their singing, acting and performing skills

The governors wish Year 6 every success as they move on to secondary school.

