

Governor Newsletter April 2019



Following on from the parent survey, all staff at the school have been invited to complete an annual survey reflecting on the challenges and successes of the past year, the support that has been available to them and their priorities for the year ahead.

Surveys were completed by teachers, members of the Senior Leadership Team, Teaching Assistants and the Admin team.

It was a great joy for the governors to read of the many causes of celebration and also the passion for areas of future development across the school.

The feedback from staff will be considered alongside parent comments when deciding development priorities for 2019/20.

The Parent Forum that unfortunately had to be postponed prior to the Easter break has now been re-scheduled for **Thursday 6**th **June at 2.15pm.**

Governors are aware that this time of day does not suit everyone, but historically the forums that have been held at this time are better attended than those that have taken place in the evening.

Information from the event will be shared on the website, alongside the ways in which those unable to attend can feed back their comments regarding the school's vision.

Staff were also invited to share the challenges they face, alongside an in-depth well-being questionnaire. Whilst it is clear that working in school remains a demanding and often exhausting role, the vast majority of staff feel well-supported by their team and their line managers.

Governors are very mindful of the daily challenges faced by staff and in future meetings will be exploring ideas that were shared as to how workload might be reduced for staff.

Every year, around the Easter break, the Governors hand out the Governor Award to a child from each class in the school.

The Governor Award will this year be given to the children by one of the Foundation Governors, Mr Jason Hoyland, during Collective Worship later in May.

The Governor Award is given to children who have consistently demonstrated the school's values and ethos throughout the year – look out for our May newsletter!

You can find out more about the work of the Governing Board and who the Governors are by looking at the School website and reading our termly summary of business.

If you wish to contact the governors you can do so via their email address governors@blake.oxon.sch.uk