

Governors Report

For the parents, carers and school community of Pixmore Junior School

Welcome to the summer version of the Governors Report, designed to update the school community about the latest school developments. We also hope that it will answer any questions that you may have about the school's continuing drive for improvement and our future plans. It also serves to help us celebrate some of the school's successes with you.

We hope you all have a lovely summer break.

Staff Achievements 2017/2018

We are delighted to report on a number of key achievements made by Pixmore Staff this year, which are a reflection of the good quality teaching that is reported throughout the school, which is being shared with the wider education community across Hertfordshire.

Miss Pocock has been awarded Mastery in Computing Teaching, reflecting the range of great computing skills that she brings to the classroom. She regularly shares this knowledge with the rest of the Pixmore staff and developing teachers in other schools. Likewise, Mrs Ratibb is becoming a Maths Master Teacher, building on her existing outstanding Maths teaching skills.

Mrs Inman continues to be a County Moderator for the Writing SATS and also provides training on understanding SATS and other school data to School Governors across Hertfordshire.

Our Chair of Governors has become a Governance Trainer this year, providing support and advice to Governing Bodies across the County and Mrs Evans remains Chair of the Lectworth School's Partnership, working closely with other Heads to find ways to use budgets effectively and share resources and ideas.



Pupil Achievements

This year's SATS results reflected the hard work that all the Year 6 pupils put into the whole school year. We were really pleased with the outcomes, which were in line our targeted improvement path and take us a step closer to our goal of at least meeting Hertfordshire Average SATS attainment for all pupils by 2021.

WELL DONE TO ALL THE PUPILS AND YEAR 6 STAFF

Changes to the school building / grounds over the summer

The following works are planned around school during the summer holidays. Look out for the changes in September:

- **New pedestrian pathway** from the Pixmore Way end of Rushby Mead into school, making it safer for children coming to school from that direction. This is being funded by a number of community grants
- The canopy outside the Year 3 & 4 classrooms is being replaced
- We are delighted to have new LED boards in 4 classrooms, which are a vast improvement on the old, often hard to read interactive whiteboards which we had used for many, many years. Thanks to the PSA for funding one of these; we hope to be able to acquire more next year.



Summer BBQ

Thanks to the PSA for hosting another successful summer BBQ on Friday evening. There was a great turnout and a lovely atmosphere. It was delightful to see parents, children, staff and the wider school community enjoying the evening.

All change!

The end of the summer term is always a time for change and we wish all children moving to a new setting in September the very best of luck.

There are no staff changes to report this term. However, we would like to wish Mr Willard the very best as he marries his partner April, during the summer holidays!

Year 6 are having the usual good send off with parties, assemblies and a show to mark their departure for secondary schools. We wish them all the very best for the next stage of their education and thank them all for their contribution to school life during their time at Pixmore.

In September we look forward to welcoming a new cohort of children into year 3 and hope that they enjoy their time at Pixmore as much as the current year 6's tell us they have enjoyed theirs.

This year we have welcomed 5 new governors to the Governing Body. Some are Associate Governors, who we call on for specific skills and some are full Governors. All play an active part in our work. We have welcomed Simon Franklin, a current Year 3 parent and Health and Safety expert, Deborah Onbashi, also a Year 3 parent and HR Manager, Tamsyn Gillan, a Year 4 parent and Recruitment / HR Specialist, Caroline Nicholson, another Year 3 parent who is a former Head of English at secondary school level and Ally Walker who has recently moved back to Letchworth after many years of living away whilst her family grew up and who brings a range of skills in Advocacy (finding a voice) for vulnerable members of our society. They have already made valuable contributions to the GB and we look forward to working together as a team in 2018/2019.

Contact us....

If you'd like to contact us or are interested in becoming a governor, you can either:

Look out for us around school – many of us are parents and / or around school during the day. Keep an eye out for photos of us appearing soon on the reception noticeboard, so you'll know who to look for!

Email us on governors@pixmore.herts.sch.uk

Or **speak to the school office** who can put you in touch with us

We are always happy to talk to people who are interested in joining the GB. We currently have a full contingent of Governors but we are always looking for Associate Governors to support our activities.

