

Hemingbrough Primary School

Annual School Governors Report 2017/2018

Governors

Ruth Waters –
Chair, Co-opted Governor
6/6 meetings attended

Ben Bowers –
Vice-Chair, Parent Governor
5/6 meetings attended

Nick Wilkinson –
Co-Opted Governor
4/6 meetings attended

Sian Chapman –
Parent Governor
5/6 meetings attended

Victoria Perry –
Parent Governor
3/4 meetings attended

Chris Bateman –
Local Authority Governor
3/4 meetings attended

Sarah Read –
Staff Governor
6/6 meetings attended

Sarah Chappell –
Headteacher
6/6 meetings attended

Staff Attendees:
Julie Easthill and Ruth Hayes

Here at Hemingbrough CP School we continue to work hard to maintain and exceed our Good OFSTED rating. As Governors we work to support the Headteacher, Mrs Chappell, to put plans and policies and procedures in place to ensure all children make good progress within a broad and fun curriculum helping them become fulfilled, happy and engaging people.

Our Vision, Values and Aims

Our Vision and Values give focus not only to the Governing body meetings but also throughout day to day School life. We have found these principles to be a perfect fit for our School encompassing what we want to achieve for all the children both from an educational and personal point of view.

School Governors

We are pleased to welcome new Governors during this School Year – **Chris Bateman** and **Victoria Perry** – who have already provided valuable input into the Governing Body. We would also like to thank **Alison Copsey** and **Rachel Hall** who are standing down this year and we are grateful for their service and support during the year.

What does the Governing Body do?

The School Governors have three main core functions:

- Setting the vision and strategic direction of the school
- Holding the headteacher to account for its educational performance
- Ensuring financial resources are well spent.

Governors meet at regular intervals through the year to assess School performance, ensure the School is running smoothly and to discuss any external factors that may affect the School – this has recently included discussion around Academies and the funding changes we are seeing nationally and how they will affect our School.

Each of our Governors also takes on a lead role for a specific subject or area of specialism, for example English, Science, Child Protection, SEND and Pupil Premium. In this capacity the Governor will arrange to visit classes and view teaching in their specialism area, talking to both staff and children. The Governor will then report back to the governing body on what they saw giving an insight into the teaching and experience the Children have of that subject. As a governing body this insight means we have hands on knowledge and a better view of what is happening when making decisions, ensuring they are done with the best interests of the School and pupils in the first instance.

If you are interested in becoming a governor, please contact Mrs Chappell to discuss, as we currently have vacancies to fill.

Key news for 2017-2018

Forest Schools

We have embarked on a Forest Schools programme within school during this year. The philosophy of Forest Schools is to encourage and inspire children through positive outdoor experiences. By taking part in a range of tasks children have been given the opportunities to develop skills such as self-awareness, self-regulation, motivation, empathy, good communication skills, independence, positive mental attitudes, self-esteem, confidence and teamwork. In addition they have learnt some outdoor skills, and the activities have contributed towards the school curriculum. Some of the activities have also included fire making, tree climbing (to a safe height) and whittling using 'sharp' equipment. The children have enjoyed this opportunity and have gained greatly from the different learning style.

Sensory Room Opening

In February we saw opening of our new Sensory Room – 'The Bubble', which was opened by Ray Adamson, England RFU Tourist. The event was a really lovely way to celebrate this new facility and thank the Wooden Spoon charity who gave us a £9000 grant towards the development of the room. Children have been using the room over the last two terms regularly and we are seeing benefits in many ways.



New Running Track and Climbing/Traversing Wall

PE and school sport is very important to us and we have recently installed a new running track and a climbing wall on the School field. The track is 100m long - so far children have used the track during their PE lessons, at playtimes, during Sport Relief and House PE Day.

Fundraising and FAN Club

We have had a number of events over the course of the School year, some of those arranged by Mrs Chappell and the teachers and others by the Parents who run FAN Club. We thank you all for your support, the funds raised really do improve the children's time at school in providing the additional resources that School funding cannot always cover. Please continue to get involved we have seen the money spent on some amazing things this year including transport for the full School trip to The Deep, a Pantomime, Computer Software and outdoor equipment.

Sept 17 – July 18 Sports

Sports Events/competitions:

Inter schools events have included Tag Rugby, SEN and Vulnerable Learners sports festivals, Rising Stars, Key Steps Gymnastics, Netball (including a Selby final), Cross Country (including local and Regional heats and a National final)

After school clubs:

York City football, Gym, Dodgeball, Dance, Rounders, Multi Sports, Netball, Tri Golf, Cosmic Yoga, Storytime, Cricket, Puzzle, Lego, Science, Magical Maths, Forest School

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Theme days:

Maths Eyes, Aspirations Day, Mindful mornings, Global Gateway (including breakfast!), Safety Day, Empty Classroom and House Charity Day

Other enrichment activities:

P4C, Healthy Heart Workshops, Panto, Robin Wood, East Barnby, Bikeability, Forest Schools, Red Nose Day, The Deep, Dance A Thon, Open Afternoon, House PE Day, Y5 Specialism Day, Talent Show, , Countryside Day, NSPCC Workshops, Leavers Trip, STEM Fair and a very eventful Robinwood trip – amongst many other things!

To find out more about becoming a Governor and the work of Governors contact Mrs Chappell 01757 638266 or visit <http://www.hemingbrough.n-yorks.sch.uk/>