

Braywood CE First School Governors' Report to Parents

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Who are the Governors?

The Governors are a long serving group of people who are committed to the success of our school. There are a wide variety of skills on our Governing Body from a range of sources; some are local businesses, some parents, some representing our Christian bias and some are educationists. We are the school's 'critical friend'.

For more informative see our page on the website http://www.braywoodschool.co.uk/web/our_governors__1/232576

How do our governors promote school improvement this year?

The Governors work in collaboration with the Headteacher and staff, creating a closely balanced partnership to ensure that the school is run effectively. Our aim is to ensure that we provide the very best education possible.

Our staff and governors are a strong team who meet or visit school regularly to refine our improvement plan; challenge staff and ensure that our learning environment is safe and non-discriminatory. Each governor together with an associated teacher leads in one or two subject areas. The Governing Body monitors school improvement priorities through meetings, lesson visits, work analysis, policies and procedures and the financial scrutiny.

How are we working with parents?

The school and our governors value the contribution of parents, whether it is the help you give your child with their learning, the support you give the school by attending events or helping your child attend trips or events and the support you offer out PTA.

This year our PTA under Corrina Jellyman leadership and her team have been fantastic and the money raised will go towards new Gymnastics equipment in the hall. We are still working towards the Outdoor Gym and the playground markings. We are very fortunate to have such committed parents.

The governors would like to wish everyone a lovely summer break and look forward to working with you all in the new academic year.

Chair of Governors
Mrs Anne Farley

From little acorns, mighty oak trees grow, watered and nurtured by God

Message from the Chair of Governors

"At Braywood our aspirations are for all children to become confident, secure and caring individuals who achieve personal success through a love of learning"



A letter from the Chair of Governors

On behalf of the Governors, I would like to thank all parents and carers for their continued support for the school, and its staff. We are very fortunate at Braywood to be able to have a thriving school, with committed leadership and staff, who are strongly focused on providing the best for all pupils.

What a year it has been! The SIAMS and OFSTED inspections were only two weeks apart and we received excellent outcomes from both.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank every member of the school community for the role you played in bringing about such a positive outcome. Many of our children met with the inspectors on the days of the visit, and their excellent behaviour and enthusiasm for learning are a highlight of the report. 'Happy', 'courteous towards each other', 'polite and respectful', and 'pupils love learning' are some of the observations that spring out. To all our children: thank you for making us proud on that day, and every day.

To Mrs Calvert and all the staff, a huge thank you for creating the nurturing and stimulating environment in which our children thrive. Everything you do, you do so well, every day, for the children in your care. It was lovely to hear the inspector say, 'If a had a child of first school age, I would love them to come to Braywood School'. High praise indeed!

We welcome two new parent governors onto the board this year, they are very keen to do a good job and I look forward to working with them. We also welcome a new local authority governor so it will be an exciting fresh start in September with three new faces.

May I please take this opportunity to thank the PTA for all the fund-raising events they have organised this year. The school benefits in many ways with these extra funds.

We are saying goodbye to the much-respected Mrs Clarke and Mrs Longman. They have both given such service to our school and we wish them both well for the future.

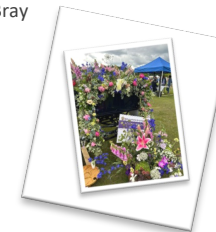
I wish Mrs Calvert, all the staff, children, parents and carers a sunny, restful summer break.

Best wishes
Anne Farley

What have we achieved this year?

All classes have been on at least 3 trips except the Foundation class. We have had lots of visitors including:

PTA Events including Sponsored Fun Run
Summer Concert in Windsor
Y4 Leaving party
Pantomime and Nativity
Easter Concert
Y2 Trip to the Lookout
Girls football training & tournament
Visit to Longridge for Y4
Dance Show for Year 1
Singing to senior citizens in Bray
Chocolate workshops
Talks on topics for all classes
Y2 & 3 Braywick Nature Reserve
Robots for Y2/ Y3/4
Whole School Forest School Trips
Visit to Eton Natural History Museum
Sports Day and Family Picnic
Harvest Festival
Christmas celebrations
Carols for Senior Citizens
Visit from an author
Y1 / 2 visit to Milestones
Y4 swimming lessons
Y3 / 4 Trip to Ufton Court
Several PE tournaments
Y4 running the school
Visit to places of worship online
Windsor Sports Partnership lessons
Farm visit to F & Y1
Hatching eggs in Foundation
Trip to Bocketts Farm for F & Y1
Various sporting tournaments
Maths, Literacy and Science days
Y4 Busy buttons workshop



Of all these activities the school has contributed to the breadth of our curriculum

What have been our successes?

Our standards have been exceptional this year. 100% of Year 1 achieved the phonics test in Year 1 and our average score for Year 4 times table test was 23.8 out of 25. Across the school most children have secured expected standards.

We have secured a strong good from Ofsted and an excellent report from our SIAMS inspection. Both inspections found very little areas that they felt that we could improve upon.

Next year we hope that we will have a new garden room in the Early Years area, that we have implemented the vast majority of Ofsted's next steps and that the new leadership add value to our school.