



**Cheriton Primary School
Governor Newsletter 3
28th March 2023**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the end of Spring term edition of the Governor newsletter. It has been a busy term!

Mr Goldsworthy and his staff team have continued to inspire your children and create a wide range of learning opportunities as well as maintain standards generally and develop the strengths of the school, such as the Leader in Me, the new phonics programme and the pastoral care. Governors visiting the school formally during the day have been impressed by the behaviour and attitudes of the pupils, their enthusiasm for their learning and the positive atmosphere generally.

Curriculum teaching and learning has been balanced with organising events such as World Book Day (where there was palpable excitement on the playground at the beginning of the day as costumes were revealed), Red Nose Day, the chicks hatching programme and pancake day races to ensure a wide breadth of experiences for the pupils, one of the many characteristics of the school which makes it special. Many of you will also have enjoyed the Class 2 performance last week. Jenny Reeves, one of our parent governors said, "I was so impressed by the level of confidence each child exuded...Such an amazing amount of work and effort was put into the performance by staff and pupils and the performance was a credit to them all."

An update on the School Improvement plan (SIP)

We would like to update you on the positive progress towards objectives in the SIP. The areas identified by Ofsted in September as 'requiring improvement' have been a priority and the subject of much time, hard work and effort by Mr Goldsworthy and his staff team and the focus of INSET days, some staff meetings and our governing body meetings. The full governing body monitors progress towards milestones for each objective and in addition a smaller group of school governors and Mr Goldsworthy have met half termly to report back to the County on progress. This ensures that the required pace is maintained.

Area for improvement	Progress this term	Next Steps
The development	Good progress. A decision was made to purchase a curriculum planning tool to	Learning sequences will be reviewed during the summer term in order to create 'knowledge

of the curriculum.	support staff and overcome barriers such as time pressure and lack of expertise within the staff for some subjects, an issue common in small schools with limited teaching staff. This had a big impact. Long term curriculum plans are now in place and learning objectives identified for all units of work in foundation curriculum areas except Art and DT.	organisers' and to ensure learning is well sequenced and delivers learning objectives relevant to the specific context of Cheriton school. Once the curriculum work is completed it will be updated on the school website. Art and DT to be completed. Assessments which reflect the key learning objectives will also be identified.
The development of the role of Subject Leaders	Good progress. The INSET day in February, staff meeting time this term, and additional supply cover has given staff time to produce information folders for each curriculum area. Pupil conferencing has been completed by subject leads to help them to identify the impact of the curriculum planning.	Our DfE partner school, The Inspire Learning Partnership, is assisting to deliver the March INSET day to develop this work further and to develop an understanding of knowledge organisers and their use. Subject leaders will evaluate the impact of curriculum planning on teaching and learning.
Further Improvements in the recording of safeguarding concerns	Good progress. The Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL), Ruth Gent and Deputy DSL Mr Goldsworthy have continued to meet weekly to monitor all actions and ensure that they are recorded and followed up and this has played an important part in the effective implementation of safeguarding procedures. Lis Flett, our Safeguarding Link Governor has met half termly with the DSL to review monitoring actions and their impact. Processes are clear, safeguarding is a priority and there is active work in making sure all staff are aware of their responsibilities. Safeguarding themes run through the school- from notices on toilet doors, to planned activities that link in with national awareness weeks. Attendance is being monitored. Safeguarding is in a clearer and more proactive position.	Safeguarding Link Governor to talk with groups of pupils about their experiences/concerns in the summer term monitoring meetings. Regular meetings with DSL continue. Support from Inspire Learning Partnership on safeguarding culture and policies.

A formal monitoring visit by the county School Improvement Manager and School Lead Learning Partner is scheduled for early May.

The Governing Body

Our two new Governors Jenny Reeve and Susan Henderson are completing their induction and already stepping into their governor roles of Health and Safety and Early Years Link governor respectively. Fran Lawrence, who has been an active governor for over eight years reaches the end of her term of office at the end of this term. We have really appreciated her time and commitment to the school over the years. We are currently advertising a Co-Opted governor vacancy and hope to fill this during the summer term. If you know of anyone who may be interested, please speak to Mr Goldsworthy or Mrs Liz Brett.

Communication

It was helpful to be able to meet and chat with a number of parents and carers over refreshments at the Parent Consultation evenings recently in school and to seek your feedback.

Thank you for your continued support for the school as we strive to provide the best education for your children. If you have any questions about the School Improvement Plan, please do not hesitate to speak to Mr Goldsworthy directly or via email.

Parent Governors Rachel Holmes, Jenny Reeves, Emily Moorhouse and Lis Flett are around on the school playground at drop off and pick up times and you can find a list of all governors on the school website.

Wishing you and your children a very enjoyable Easter break.

Kind regards

The Governing Body


Head teacher


Chair of Governors

