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Governor Newsletter

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Dear Everyone,

Another academic year draws to a close at Compton, and again, we look back on successes and triumphs, as our young people go from strength to strength.

The Governors have again given their time and commitment to our school in order for it to continue to flourish. They are invited to come in to school as often as they are able, to be as involved as possible in the life of the people and organisation that they are responsible for. So in addition to their regular meetings, and with this in mind, governors have been represented at a number of school events over the year; at whole school celebrations (eg Christmas and the Leavers' Service at Emmanuel Church); at the Headteachers' Briefings for Parents, in June; at the termly 'Compton Catch Up' events organised by the school's ethos group to promote the wellbeing of the staff. They have undertaken 'learning walks' to get a better understanding of the workings of the school, and to each spend time with their link staff member, to gain insight into issues that affect their roles. This has helped them to understand the impact of new projects (e.g. Read, Write Inc.) and develop a deeper understanding of some of the school challenges (e.g. premises/maintenance). Jon Halton, the Chair of the Governing body, has met regularly with Mr Oakshott between our half termly meetings; Juliet Morgan (governor with a specific interest in safeguarding) has met regularly with Mr Phillips, the Designated Safeguarding Lead, to monitor current practice and implement policy.

Governors have also seen some changes to personnel over the year. Jacs Houslander and Cath Smith have both stood down from the governing body this year, and we would like to thank them for their tireless support and hard work in their governor roles.

Jackie Price

Governor Meetings

The governing body have continued to meet each half term throughout the past academic year. These meetings have been wide-ranging in topics for consideration and discussion; amongst them:

- Updating, amending and approving policies concerning a range of areas (all included on the school website).
- Careful consideration of the school budget at strategic points through the year, to ensure that we have 'best value'.
- Regular reports on the condition of the school premises: leading to works scheduled for the current summer holiday in many areas, and the involvement of the city council to review parts of the 'new' wing.
- The new frameworks for Ofsted and SIAMS inspections, and how this will impact on our school.
- The findings and outcomes of the 'Challenge Partners' inspection in March.
- A modern curriculum which promotes the qualities required for personal success.
- Current academic standards and how school improvement plans are impacting
- Safeguarding

A message from our previous Chair....

This summer marks a personal milestone for me; I am stepping down as a governor after 8 years. As I sat through my last Compton Leavers' service this week, I marvelled at the talent our young people displayed – music/sport/gymnastics/drama were all represented, not forgetting another compelling set of SATS results, and who knew we had a World Champion dancer in our midst? I feel privileged to have been part of this school community and blessed that my children have had so many opportunities. In his application for Headteacher 3 years ago, Mr Oakshott said that he believed primary school was about making lifelong memories, and I remember thinking at the time that this resonated with our ethos. Compton has certainly achieved this for my children, and I hope that it will continue to do so for many more children for years to come.

Have a safe and restful summer.

Cath Smith

How to contact your Governors.....

Parents are welcome to contact a governor directly. If you wish to write to the governing body, this can be done by handing a letter in at the school office addressed to the Chair of Governors, or by e-mail via :

compton.ce.primary.school@plymouth.gov.uk

While we welcome letters and value your comments, initial complaints and issues relating to the day to day running of the school, should in the first instance be discussed with your child's teacher or referred to the head teacher, Mr Oakshott.

Our very best wishes for an enjoyable Summer break,

The Governing Body