

Hello parents, staff and all. My name is Rachael Adler, and I am a new Parent governor at Wheatcroft. I started in December 2017, so this is my first update to you on all that's been happening this term.

As always, there has been a lot of activity since the last update, including:

- Policy updates for key areas such as SEN, marking & presenting, all of which can be viewed on the school website.
- Our other new parent governor conducted an audit on the school website, to ensure it is compliant with government requirements, information is accessible and easy to use. This is an area of focus for the governors, we want to make sure the website is informative, and easy to navigate, so watch this space for coming updates.
- Governors attended various training including 'Meet the Ofsted inspector', a very timely course given the recent inspection, new governor induction programmes, and Safeguarding.
- Assembly with RAF Henlow to present Jonah in Yr 4 his prize for winning the Christmas card competition, well done Jonah
- We held 'British values week' which included mindfulness sessions, litter picking activities, governor question and answer session with Yr1, one that I personally really enjoyed, particularly the variety of questions and topics the enthusiastic children asked us, and a 'Question time' assembly with local MP Mark Prisk.

As mentioned above, no doubt you will have seen the recent results from our Ofsted inspection. We received a 'Good' rating, with some clear focus areas to allow us to work on. I'm sure you'll agree that it was a great result for the school and demonstrates the hard work and commitment of Mrs Miller and all teachers and school staff. Congratulations to all involved!

There have been governor visits this terms, some highlights are:

#### SEN visit 20/2/18 with Mrs Tuck (SENCO) and Mrs Standen (SEN TA)

Progress has been made and continues with revamping the quiet room in year 1/2 classroom

The governor was impressed with the hard work, knowledge and dedication of the SEN team, and they are working well together. The tracking of SEN children is very detailed and supports their attainment.

#### More Able children visit 29/1/18 with Mrs Gent

Children on the MA register are supported and encouraged to achieve well, and have access to measures to broaden and deepen their knowledge.

The new measures put in place to monitor children on the MA register are detailed and thorough.

I recently met with Mrs Cole in my role as Maths link governor, to do a learning walk on how the maths curriculum is delivered through all year groups, and then discussed how Mrs Cole is tracking progress and attainment in maths. I saw the new learning resources purchased for KS2, and how the children were all engaged in the maths curriculum, it was great to see.

We have recently signed off the new mini bus purchase for the school, to continue the provisions of trips and sporting events, which I know is an aspect of Wheatcroft greatly valued by both parents and children.

Thank you for reading, I hope it has been useful and informative. Spring is well with us, and dare I say it, enjoy the bank holiday sunshine and BBQ season.

Rachael Adler