



The Governing Body of Owlsmoor Primary School

REPORT TO PARENTS FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR 2017/2018

1. INTRODUCTION

The Governors present this, their Annual Report for 2017/2018 following the discontinuation of the School Profile publication.

The Governing Body has carried out its legal duties, and has supported the Headteacher and her staff, ensuring the opportunity of a first class education for all our children in a happy and secure learning environment.

2. THE GOVERNING BODY

The members of the Governing Body are:

Name:

Mrs E Cole	Headteacher
Mrs C Jones Chairman	Local Authority Governor
Mrs C Ablett	Co-Opted Governor
Mr N Dolby	Co-Opted Governor
Mr B Francis Vice Chairman	Co-Opted Governor
Mr M Grant	Co-Opted Governor
Mrs A Martin	Co-Opted Governor
Mrs J Read	Co-Opted Governor
Mr J Slot	Co-Opted Governor
Mr P Castledine	Parent Governor
Miss C Fromont	Parent Governor
Mr A Passingham	Parent Governor
Miss E Horner	Staff Governor
Mrs F Stanton	Clerk to the Governors

3. ACTIVITIES OF THE GOVERNORS

The Full Governing Body has met on ten occasions to receive and discuss the matters of the committees (Resources, Curriculum and Pastoral, and Communication and Community), and to receive the termly Headteacher's reports. These regular meetings give all Governors a greater understanding of the issues of the school and enables informed decisions to be made on a more regular basis.

The Governors work closely with the school on strategic planning and attend the inset day with staff in the summer term. The Governors' Management Plan links all the work in the Governor committees, the School Development Plan and the Headteacher's performance targets to raise standards in management and leadership and ultimately pupils' outcomes

In addition to attending formal meetings and Governor training, Governors regularly visit the school to see the children at work, are in attendance at the parent consultations and parent forums and take part in various school activities. All Governors also take on specific roles within the Governing Body and work closely with staff co-ordinators.

No expenses have been claimed or paid to the Governors. I am well aware that costs have been incurred and the school benefits from the Governors' generosity.

4. RESOURCES COMMITTEE REPORT (Chairman: Mr Brian Francis)

Staffing

At the end of term we shall be saying goodbye to four members of staff, Mrs J. Cashmore Y6, Mrs J. Green Y6, Mr R Forsaith Y3 and Mrs S Slade Inclusion Manager. We would like to say a big thankyou to them all for all their hard work over the years that they have been with Owlsmoor Primary School, and to wish them all the very best for the future.

Premises

All snagging problems have now been resolved on the new building and we as Governors are very pleased with our new modern school. The Governors would also like to take this opportunity of thanking the PTA for all their hard work, in organizing various events, which have benefited the school in many ways.

Finance

The financial year ended on 31st March 2018 with expenditure during the period as follows:

Main School Budget	
	£
Teaching Staff	1,147,120
Other Employees	530,290
Premises	119,272
BFBC	49,228
Curriculum	48,318
Other Supplies / Services	-4,340
Income	-20,613
Balance carried forward	105,498
Total Expenditure	1,974,773

Devolved Capital	
Expenditure during year	4,930
Balance carried forward	5,326
Total Expenditure	10,256

The Governing Body has given approval for planned expenditure during the current year (2018/19) as follows:

Main School Budget	
	£
Teaching Staff	1,205,436
Other Employees	557,889
Premises	148,642
BFBC	52,246
Curriculum	76,175
Other Supplies / Services	12,262
Reserve	45,060
Income	-13,000
Total Expenditure	2,084,710

Devolved Capital	
Current years allocation	10,284
Balance brought forward	5,326
Total	15,610

During the course of the last financial year 2017/2018 a number of financially related policies were revised, new procedures were adopted and activities undertaken to ensure good value is attained and that a high standard of financial control is maintained.

The school continues to buy back many of the services from Bracknell Forest Council. There are increasing pressures on the school budget and we are continually looking at cost savings across all areas. We remain committed to ensuring the best outcomes for all children of the school.

5. CURRICULUM & PASTORAL COMMITTEE REPORT (Chairman: Mrs Carolyn Ablett)

The Governors have visited all of the classes during the course of the year. We have continued our focus on the teaching of maths, and the use of starter slides in both maths and literacy. We continue to receive very positive comments from the children about the starter slides and how they help them with their learning. In our visits we have been particularly struck by the very positive attitudes to learning observed in the children and also expressed by them. The behaviour of the children is very good and sound strategies are in place to cope with any misbehaviour.

The action plans of individual subjects are discussed by Governors with the subject leaders and we look at the strengths and areas for development. The writing, maths and reading focus groups meet more regularly to follow the progress of these subjects. In maths and writing a book scrutiny takes place in which we look at developmental marking and the degree of challenge that is available to the pupils.

The Governors have had presentations from members of staff including the work of the SENco and the Pupil Premium subject leader. The progress made by both these groups of pupils is of great importance and the Governors received a detailed account of the strategies in place for these children to enable them to achieve their best.

The data group goes more deeply into the performance data of the school, looking at the school results in relation to national results. Each term the internal school data is looked at by the data committee for each year group and across reading, writing, maths and science. Any areas of concern are followed up in detail. The performance of the pupil premium children is carefully checked by staff, and a general report given to Governors.

The pastoral side of the work in the school is of the utmost importance and there are regular checks on pastoral matters e.g. behaviour and anti-bullying. Individual Governors continue to monitor safeguarding, children's personal, social, health and emotional development and the single equality policy.

6. COMMUNICATION & COMMUNITY COMMITTEE REPORT (Chairman: Mrs Julie Read)

The priorities of the Communications and Community committee are:

- To co-ordinate improved communication between the school, parents, Governors and community.
- To raise the profile of the school within the community.
- To review current practices and develop new procedures and publications.
- To ensure RRS (Rights Respecting Schools) is embedded within the work of the Governors. This is implemented by referencing the UNICEF Articles where appropriate in all documentation.

This year we have continued with the Parent Forums; these are held monthly (alternating between a 9am slot and a 6pm slot) and provide an informal opportunity for parents to come together to discuss issues concerning them. Attendance at these forums has been low suggesting parents are generally happy with the school. We continue to monitor the school website closely to ensure it meets statutory requirements and Governors continue to make regular visits to the school into classes and to school events; this helps the Governors to make more informed decisions. We will again carry out a year six leavers' survey towards the end of the term.

Areas the committee have continued to monitor and/or work on:

- Head Teacher Mrs Cole reports termly to the committee on discussions that have taken place across the school social media channel (Facebook).
- Links with Sandhurst Day Centre; the choir once again visited the Day Centre before Christmas to sing to the residents. This was very well received and we hope it will be repeated this Christmas.
- The new links that were forged with the WI group who run their sessions at Owlsmoor Community Centre have continued. The choir and salsa club visited the WI group during the summer term to sing a variety of upbeat songs and perform a dance. The response was very positive and it is hoped that this annual visit can be continued.
- The PTA is going from strength to strength. Among other things they have organised several discos this year, sold second-hand uniform during parents' consultations and are running another Fete in July. Their work is very much appreciated and the money raised has been put towards several items to benefit the school; Trophy cabinet, iPads, and to develop the site of the old nursery building. Our thanks go to them for their continued hard work this year.
- Special thanks go to Mrs Bryan (Reception teacher). We were shortlisted in a local radio competition to receive £2000 of gardening supplies to be used to improve the Friendship Garden that was opened in honour of Lily Wells in 2017. Her successful social media campaign resulted in us winning and we look forward to the completion of this project.

We have continued to look for opportunities for positive press coverage. An advertisement continues to appear in the Sandhurst Residents' Association booklet promoting the Nursery.

7. IN CONCLUSION

The staff and children continue to enjoy the new facilities and classrooms from the building programme giving us a great learning environment. We were very pleased with our recent Ofsted inspection judging our school as good and recognising that our school continues to go from strength to strength. All staff and Governors continue to strive to achieve outstanding as a school and we look forward to continuing our work in enabling all pupils to achieve even better outcomes in the wider curriculum, whilst at the same time maintaining a secure, safe, nurturing and happy environment.

We have again seen a tremendous team effort from everybody over the past year. I would like to take this opportunity to thank my fellow Governors for all their hard work and support, Mrs Cole and her staff for their relentless hard work and commitment to ensure the positive outcomes of all our pupils, you, as parents, for the wonderful support you give your children and the school and finally the children who always make our visits such a pleasure.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Chris Jones', is positioned above the printed name.

Chris Jones

Chairman of Governors

July 2018