



Upper Beeding Primary School Governing Board

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Chair`s Letter to Parents Spring Term 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing to you on behalf of the school Governors, who continue to work strategically with Mrs Linford to ensure the best possible education for your children.

I would like to update you as to where we are in finding a new Headteacher for our school. We are currently producing the information pack for all those interested in applying to lead our wonderful school and hope to interview and appoint the successful candidate before the Summer half term. This might seem like a long time, but the recruitment process involved with such a position of responsibility is, as you would expect, rigorous. I will, of course, keep you informed of our progress.

Governor Visits

After such a long time, we have been able to get back into school and have been delighted to be able to sit down and talk to the children again. The enthusiasm they showed for the Maths and Shakespeare weeks was incredible to see. In Maths we saw that children spoke positively about their experiences and were really benefiting being back in school again. Our visit to see English also showed how well the children are engaging and enjoying their learning. This year there is a real focus on reading with enhanced reading corners in every class, new decodable reading books for the children to work through, as well as class reading across the subjects. Reading continues to be celebrated at every opportunity, including a new Book Buzz newsletter for parents and the reading tree based in the library, with the children getting reading tree rewards which are talked about and celebrated in assembly. Each term, the reading tree winners go with Mrs Linford to the bookshop to choose a book of their choice. The school runs reading and storytelling clubs as well as reintroducing buddy reading which had to be paused during COVID. Our Early Years children are gaining in confidence and will happily talk to visitors in the class; I particularly liked their "mini me"s. All of the children were happy and clearly enjoyed the tasks they were doing.

Wellbeing

This year, we, as Governors, have decided to raise the profile of wellbeing for all of the school community. It features in all of our meetings and visits and I am delighted to say that everything is very positive so far; we also conducted a staff survey which had a favourable response. All of the staff are really engaged with the wellbeing of the pupils and have rigorous systems in place to support any child that they feel would benefit from that bit of extra TLC. Our attendance figure, when absence due to COVID is removed, continues to be excellent for both pupils and staff, surely a sign of happy school.

West Sussex Leadership Delivery Partners

This term, Governors were asked to support the school`s application to be one of the Partner Leadership schools in the Local Authority and were delighted when the school was accepted. I am sure this will benefit our staff and pupils as well as the other schools involved.



School Environment

With the lovely weather we have had lately, the school looks fantastic. The new Active Mile track is being constructed and should be up and running next term, no pun intended! We are having the majority of our windows in the main part of the school replaced in the summer as well as some guttering etc. This will not only improve the school's insulation, but will also look wonderful.

As I draw this newsletter to a close, I must thank ALL of the staff who have worked so hard this term, especially given how challenging things have continued to be with COVID-19. This has enabled the children to make progress in their learning and prepare for the Summer term.

I and the rest of the Governors are looking forward to being in school more next term when we can have all of the activities that we missed so much last year. Although we are very much looking forward to this, it will also be Mrs Linford's final term with us, which will be a great loss to us all.

Wishing you a safe and happy Easter holiday.

Louise Davies
Chair of Governors

