



# Highwood Primary School

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## HIGHWOOD GOVERNORS' NEWSLETTER SUMMER 2018

Dear Parents and Carers

The end of another school year is here and the pupils and staff at Highwood are now settled back into the school building. Regrettably, access to some parts of the school field and outside areas remain restricted for the pupils and staff. However, what space is available has been put to good use and pupils, with the aid of a very creative staff, have benefitted greatly from this.

### GOVERNORS

I am happy to report that we now have a very strong team of governors with a variety of skills. This has made it possible for more frequent visits to the school by individual governors carrying out their specific roles and has provided them with an insight into all areas of life at Highwood. After each visit the governors submit a Governors Visit document, giving details of their visit which, in turn is circulated to the other governors, adding to our knowledge of the school.

Several of the staff have given presentations demonstrating their roles and have provided evidence of their teaching methods at Governor Meetings. The support staff have also attended meetings, submitting detailed documents to the Resources Committee, which is responsible for managing the budget. In turn this information is then fed back to the Full Governing Body Meetings for approval.

All Governors continue to attend training courses which are run by Herts for Learning and this enables us to increase our knowledge and skills on a wide range of subjects.

### GOVERNORS' DAY

This year's Governors' Day was once again very enjoyable, coinciding with the schools "Take One Picture" week. The picture of "George and the Dragon" was interpreted and explained in many creative ways, from story-telling with a "dragon's cave" in nursery, through to detailed mod-roc caves and dragons in Years 5 and 6. The children used new skills and explored lots of creative media. The governors participated in many of the activities which, included playing at being dragons, with much roaring. I believe that this, for many of the governors, was the most fun part of the day!

As usual we split up and visited many areas of the school which included classrooms, I.T. suite, sport activities and the Admin Offices and learnt a considerable amount about a day in the life of Highwood.

### FRIENDS OF HIGHWOOD

Once again, our great band of parents, who form the Committee of "The Friends of Highwood", arranged many exciting events. The parents and carers who assist with these functions help to make them possible. "Highwood's Got Talent" was a highlight and some governors assisted with this. Another Summer Fair, where so much work is involved in organising and running the day, was helped by fine weather. The money raised from these events, especially as funding has been cut to all schools, makes such difference and benefits the pupils.





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## THANKS

Our thanks goes to all the staff for their dedication and commitment to Highwood. They work together to provide the best education for your children, ensuring that there is a balance across the curriculum, resulting in a well-rounded experience for pupils.

Special thanks must go to our Head Teacher, Mrs Cathy Cox. She has shown immense skills, commitment and sensitivity in moving the school forward, since becoming Interim Head Teacher and now Head Teacher.

She had encouraged and supported the staff, without the assistance of a Deputy Head Teacher and her resilience is to be admired. Our Assistant Head Teachers have supported her in this and with a new Deputy Head Teacher starting in September, along other new members of staff, we are confident that after the difficulties that have been experienced during the last two years, the school can move on to surer ground and bigger and better things.

Our best wishes to the staff who are leaving and moving on to new horizons. Our thanks goes to them, for their hard work during their time spent at Highwood. They will all be missed.

To the Year 6 pupils, who are moving on to Secondary Education at various new schools in September, we send our best wishes for the future.

Lastly, all the Governors are grateful for the support that you as parents and carers show to the school. It is especially welcome when you express your thanks and appreciation to teachers and support staff. They all work very hard to make your children's time at Highwood is enjoyable and rewarding.

We look forward to welcoming you all back to Highwood in September.

Kind regards

Rita A Mitchell  
Chair of Governors





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