



## **Woburn Lower School**

### **Governors newsletter Autumn 2020**

#### **For all new parents to the school - who are the Governing Board?**

We are a team made up of parents, school staff and those from the local community (see website for photos) who all share the same vision for the school – to ensure that each child accesses the best possible education and experience during their time at Woburn Lower School.

#### **What do we do?**

The Governing Board works in partnership with the Head Teacher and the school, aiming to be both challenging and supportive. The core functions of the Board are:

- Ensuring the school has a clear vision and direction for the future.
- Holding the Head to account for the educational performance of the school. This is achieved by analysing and understanding the performance data of pupils and learning to ask meaningful questions.
- Overseeing the financial performance of the school, ensuring that resources are allocated to school priorities.

Each Governor has an area of responsibility and visits the school\* every term regarding their specialism. This includes meetings with relevant members of staff and lesson observations.

The Governors also meet twice a term (approximately every 6 weeks) to discuss all relevant matters such as:

- children's performance data
- safeguarding (updates and new policies)
- school development
- finance report
- building updates
- staffing
- Ofsted

\*Due to Covid 19, on site visits are not possible, therefore meetings will be held via video / telephone calls.

## **Board Member changes**

Due to Darren Pearce (Parent Governor) leaving the Board in the summer, we have recruited a replacement Parent Governor - Jo Wassell. Many thanks to Jo for putting herself forward; we welcome her to the Board and thank Darren very much for his time, enthusiasm and support during his term.

## **Return to school**

It is wonderful that all the children and staff have been able to return to school and a very warm welcome to all new pupils and their parents too!

We are also pleased to welcome Miss Freeman (KS1 teacher), Mrs Gordon and Miss Borthwick (TAs) and hope that they are settling in well.

All the staff have worked **tirelessly** to ensure that the children are safe and secure whilst still being taught in an engaging and stimulating environment and as Governors, we are incredibly proud and grateful for their continued efforts. In return, the children have made this time so rewarding for the staff – everyone has proved what a brilliant, united school community we are!

We look forward to this Autumn term continuing onwards together.

## **Schools for Future update**

As you are all aware, Central Beds Council have agreed to repeat the 'Have your Say consultation' regarding the closing and amalgamating of our school, along with Husborne Crawley and Ridgmont Lower Schools, when the site for the proposed new Primary school is confirmed. We spoke with Peter Fraser (Assistant Director, Education) last week who confirmed that this information was still NOT known. However, it has been confirmed that "the current intention is to hold another 'Have Your Say consultation' in November on the preferred option for the site, pending the receipt of planning advice."

So, unfortunately, we are still no further forward. We will of course share any updates and information with you as soon as we can.

In the meantime, it's business as usual and our brilliant staff continue to provide our wonderful children with an outstanding education.

## **How can you contact us?**

We welcome your feedback and suggestions. Please contact us via the school office ([office@woburn-lower-school.co.uk](mailto:office@woburn-lower-school.co.uk)).