

# Stocks Green Primary School

## Governor Newsletter

July 2022

Dear Parents, Carers and Staff

As we experience life with its ups and downs, twists and turns, we have come to realise that the ability to adapt and respond to change is vital if we are to progress and achieve our goals.

On behalf of the Governors we would like to express our thanks and appreciation to Mrs Crowhurst who, as you know, will be retiring at the end of her 10 year tenure as Headteacher of Stocks Green Primary School. In particular we would like to take this opportunity to commend her strength and resilience in her pursuit to keep pupils, staff and families safe during the very difficult times caused by the Covid pandemic.

Our best wishes and thanks also go to Mrs Johnson, Mr Irving, and Mrs Hollander who are retiring and Mrs Bass who will be moving on to pastures new.

This year we have welcomed three new governors to our team, elected Parent Governors Rebecca Mackay and William Moore, and Alan McLean who has joined as a Co-opted Governor.

---

### Strategic Priorities

At the end of this current academic year it is evident that learning to live with Covid will continue to present challenges, however as a school we can celebrate a year of returning to fulltime education in the classroom, the reinstatement of enrichment activities and welcoming parents and carers back into school. As Governors, we have also returned to holding full Governing body (FGB) and committee meetings in school, which has made a welcome change from Zoom.

We have continued to monitor the agreed areas for school improvement which include the 6 main priority areas of Quality of Education, Behaviour and Attitudes, Personal Development, Leadership and Management, Early Years Foundation Stage and Building and Grounds. The Full Governing Body Minutes provide a record of how, as Governors, we hold school to account and monitor progress against the agreed priorities. These minutes can be found on the school website by following the links Key information, Governors, Full Governing Body Minutes.

A main Governing priority this year has been to appoint a new Headteacher for September 2022. This process commenced at the end of December 2022 and was successfully concluded in April this year with the appointment of Mr Hipkiss.

In the DfE school's white paper setting out a long-term vision for a school system that helps every child to fulfil their potential, strong leadership and governance are recognised as critical in advancing educational outcomes for children.

---

---

## Safeguarding

Governors have ensured that the school fulfills the duty of care through its policies and protocols and above all, training for staff.

The following policies have been reviewed and agreed this year Child Protection, Behaviour, Anti-Bullying, Online Safety, AUPs - Acceptable Use Policies, Looked after children, SEND Information Report, Safer Recruitment, Complaints, Whistle Blowing, SEND Information Report, Staff Code of Conduct and Governors Code of Conduct.

Staff and Governors have undergone Prevent and safeguarding training.

The key safeguarding document Keeping Children Safe in Education (KCSIE) has been updated for September 2022. The KCSIE document is statutory guidance for schools, colleges and other institutes of education and it is put together by the Department of Education. It applies to all school staff as well as to governing bodies and it sets out the legal duties which must be followed to ensure the correct safeguarding of children under the age of 18.

---

## Thank you to the PTA

We wish to formally thank the PTA on everyone's behalf for their continued hard work, dedication and enthusiasm. This academic year, they have raised a grand total of £9,100!

With PTA donations school has been able to purchase a new support reading scheme, classroom resources, Y6 leavers' books and a financial contribution will be made towards the development and extension of the Outdoor Learning area. Numerous events and activities have taken place, Present fair, Winter Ball, Cinema night, raffle, bags2school collection, sponsored run, cake and uniform sales. Once more families and staff were able to join together on a relaxing sunny Saturday afternoon at the Summer Fair.

Stocks Green Parent Teacher Association is a charity run by parents with the support of teachers to raise funds for the school. If you wish to know more about the PTA, information can be found on the School website by following the links Home/Parents/PTA.

---

## And finally.....

Our school opened on 7th January 1969 with 112 pupils in 4 classes and over a period of 53 years has been successfully led and guided by 8 Headteachers. We end this academic year 2021 - 2022 with 214 pupils on roll in 7 classes, how times have changed.

As term 6 draws to a close, we would like to express our thanks to Mrs Crowhurst, her Staff team and to Parents and Carers for your support.

We look forward to welcoming Mr Hipkiss in September 2022 who will be leading school on the next stage of its journey.

**Take Care and Stay Safe**

---

---

## How to contact us

If you would like to contact the Governors to raise any issue in confidence, you can do so by letter via the School Office, please address correspondence to Rob Chewter, Chair of Governors, or by email: [governors@stocks-green.kent.sch.uk](mailto:governors@stocks-green.kent.sch.uk)

For more information, visit our Governors section on the school website:

[www.stocksgreenprimary.co.uk/governors](http://www.stocksgreenprimary.co.uk/governors)

Governor's photos can also be found in the school Entrance Hall.