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Dear Parents,

How time flies...I can't believe were in the second half of the Autumn term with the run up to Christmas fast approaching!

I'd like to thank all the staff for their hard work and the children for helping make our schools' the wonderful places they are, especially during this time of year when schools become super busy. I'd also like to thank you, the parents/carers of our children for all the wonderful support and help you give our schools. It makes such a difference to our children.

At the end of the last half term, the Governing Body had their termly meeting to ensure that the school is running effectively and all children are progressing well educationally. In the interest of transparency, the Governing Body keeps you updated on items discussed at our full Governing Body meetings throughout each academic year. The minutes from each meeting are held in both school offices, once they have been approved, and if any parent would like to look at these in detail please ask Mr Tinker.

The following list is a summary of the points discussed during our Autumn Term meeting:

1. Minutes from the previous meeting were agreed and any action/impact points were discussed:

- All newly approved policies are on the Federation website.

- The terms of reference for Curriculum, Teaching and Learning Committee have been agreed and approved.

- The Edge Federation has established a presence in the Wenlock Herald and other Church circulars.

1. All committees, terms of reference and link Governors were confirmed as continuing as previously agreed.

2. Steve Hall reported on the Finance Committee outlining:

- Funding for both schools continues to be an issue. Discussions were had on how to ensure we are getting best value for the schools and how we aim to increase numbers in both schools.

At Brockton the extension of the little learning room, in preparation for Pre-school, has been delayed



due to Local Authority funding issues. We are however still hoping for the building to be completed prior to the Summer term.

Dave Tinker reported on the Curriculum Committee:

- The Committee discussed the Edge Federation School Performance Attainment document circulated by Dave Tinker and recognised that the anecdotal improvements being made need to be reflected in measurable outcomes.

- The attainment trends at Church Preen remain generally upward.

- Attainment at Brockton was not as good as anticipated however Dave Tinker confirmed that an action plan has been put into place and has already been acted upon.

Dave Tinker gave the Head Teacher's Report to the Governors detailing progress within both schools and updating Governors on whole school issues:

- The current School Improvement Plan was discussed and progress was shown towards targets, in all but one area, which is being acted upon this term.

- Attendance in school is very good.

- There have been no exclusions, incidents of bullying or racist incidents reported.

- Behaviour for learning is outstanding in all lessons.

- Safeguarding is effective.

- Children are offered many opportunities to engage in leadership for example, librarians, sports leaders, school council etc.

- Parent and pupil feedback was sampled last term and outcomes were very positive (this can be reviewed on the school website).

- Open days were held at both schools however attendance was very low.

- We welcome Mrs Suzanne Hadley as a PE Apprentice, who will be working across the federation (Mon/Tue Church Preen, Wed/Thurs Brockton), School Sports Premium money funds her post.

- Numbers on roll at Brockton is 66 and at Church Preen is 60.

1. The link with Wistanstow was discussed and Dave confirmed, so far it is working well. Improvements to the building were taking place and staff were very positive about the changes.
2. The work/life balance of the headteacher and staff were discussed and it was agreed that the Governing Body will undertake a stress audit for all staff to ensure that they are happy in this changing environment.

The above is a brief overview of what was discussed in the full Governing Body meeting. We hope this is of interest to you and gives you an insight into what goes on behind the scenes at The Edge Schools' Federation.

Many thanks

Amber Byrne
Chair of Governors

