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Dear Parents,

I can't believe there is only a week to go, this year has flown by. It has been a wonderful term packed full of walks, trips, sports days and still a variety of exciting activities to happen.

I'd like to thank all the staff for their hard work this year and the children for helping make our schools' the wonderful places they are.

Last week, 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 the school office, 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 recent Spring Term meeting:

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

- An analysis of the Governor Skills Audit needs to be undertaken.
- Clerk to the Governing Body has been sourced from a company called Entrust.
- Schools Risk Assessment will be carried out asap due to the changes to the school site accommodation (Pre-school extension).
- Amber Byrne will carry out a detailed scrutiny on the Maths SAT's results in September.
- All staff will have their DBS re-checked every 3 years and Governors each new term of office. This will be written into school policy.

1. Steve Hall reported on the Finance Committee outlining:

- The two schools continue to be under acute financial pressure - as are all schools nationally - but we are absolutely committed to maintaining standards. Discussions continued over how to combat falling numbers on rolls and the financial pressure this brings.



- Church Preen have had to make a small reduction in teaching hours to address the schools' finances. Arrangements have been made for classes to be covered by existing staff, ensuring no negative impact on teaching or learning. Parents can be assured high standards will be maintained.

1. Dave Tinker reported on the Curriculum Committee:

- Catherine Cowper (SEN coordinator) attended the curriculum meeting and gave a detailed report on her role and how SEN children are progressing. Examples were given of interventions and how they had benefited the children. She felt that SEN children were successfully supported in both schools.

- SAT's results were not back at the time of the meeting, but the predicted grades and the internal Assessment Data showed a positive picture across both schools. It was noted that there was a significant increase from last year, in the children working at greater depth.

- The Governors visited all classes at Church Preen for a post meeting Learning Walk and it was encouraging and pleasing to see active, well organised classes with excellent child behavior. The children were happy to discuss their work with Governors and were clearly enjoying their education.

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

- The current School Improvement Plan was discussed and progress towards objectives is good.

- Attainment and progress data in maths indicate that levels and rates are at least good, which is an outcome of quality teaching in both schools.

- Outcomes at all stages in writing is at least good and in-line or exceeding national mean.

- Lesson observations triangulates findings from pupil work scrutiny and assessment data to confirm teaching to be at least good.

- Phonics teaching is outstanding which leads to good/outstanding attainment and progress in reading development.

- Key Stage 1 data at both schools is good with children achieving a good level of development.

- School to school (Brockton – Church Preen) and other school moderation has been carried out across all age groups

- Construction of running track at Church Preen has been put back to July.

- All staff received First Aid at work/Paediatric First Aid training.

- Attendance exceeds national mean at both schools and LA targets.

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

- Behavior for learning is consistently outstanding in all lessons and can be observed informally throughout both schools.

- Safeguarding is effective.

- Good/outstanding practice is readily shared in the best interests of professional development and the pupils.

- All parents surveyed agreed that children make good progress across the federation and are very happy with the schools.

1. The shared headship with Wistanstow continues to work well and Dave Tinker is happy to continue the collaboration for another term. Financially this arrangement brings significant savings to the Federation.

1. The Pre-School have moved into the extension at Brockton. Church Preen have received funding to continue their preschool. Extended school provision at both schools, is now broadened to include 2-4-year old's and they will be open 5 days a week. Hopefully this will help attract more people to the schools.

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