



Perry Hall Primary School

Governor Newsletter - Autumn Term 2017

What is the role of the Governing Body?

It is our job to act as a critical friend of the school by both supporting and challenging the Headteacher and Senior Leadership Team, whilst holding them to account for educational achievement and management of the school budget. Continuous improvement is our ethos and the pupils are always our main focus.

The Governing Body comprises of parents, staff and members of the local community. We have a variety of backgrounds and are able offer many skills ranging from education, commercial and health and safety roles as examples. Being a school Governor is a voluntary role, but being able to play an active part in the local community and seeing our pupils' successes and achievements is particularly rewarding.

The full Governing body meets once each term, as do the standards and resources committees. Each Governor also has a link Governor role whereby meetings with key staff are arranged throughout the year in order to help keep the Governing body well informed. Governors are expected to attend various training courses throughout the year to enable them to work effectively in their roles.

Starting this term, we decided that we would like to publish a newsletter at the end of each term to highlight and share with you some of the developments at Perry Hall.

Autumn Term Highlights 2017

Congratulations....

Congratulations to Perry Hall on their position within the recently released league tables. Perry Hall was ranked 7th out of 69 Primary Schools across Wolverhampton- what a huge success!



Attendance

To date, attendance this term has been 95.9% against the national average of 96%. We would like to thank parents and children for their efforts in striving to achieve 100% attendance this term. Every day at school really does count.



Reading Bus

Perhaps one of the most eagerly awaited events at Perry Hall this academic year is the arrival of our reading bus. The ground work is now complete and the bus is due to arrive shortly. We would like to thank everyone for their hard work and generous donations. If you would like to help out with this exciting project, please contact the school office.



Parent Workshops

We are sure that parents enjoy visiting the school as much as we do. We hope that you found the 'Meet the Teacher' meetings at the start of the term useful. Please keep an eye on the weekly newsletter for upcoming workshops throughout the Spring Term which we hope you will be able to attend. Workshops for parents, such as e-safety and how to help your child to read, are a great way of coming into school, meeting staff and learning how you can help support your children at home.

School Crossing Patrol

Liaison with the council has enabled the school to have a crossing patrol warden on Colman Avenue. We are all very grateful to Keith for his work in helping to keep our children safe on their journey to and from school.



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School Council

Governors at our resources committee had the pleasure of meeting several members of the school council this term. These children highlighted a number of things that they are currently working on to make the school even better. We look forward to meeting them again in the Spring Term.



Curriculum

At the standards committee meeting this term we enjoyed presentations from subject leads within school about how Geography and STEM are being developed this year. Subject leaders from Perry Hall have also been meeting with their colleagues from across the Perry Hall Multi Academy Trust for training and to share best practice, which has had a positive impact on the education of our pupils. I'm sure you will join us in expressing our gratitude for the continued hard work and commitment of all the staff at Perry Hall Primary School.



Social, Moral, Spiritual and Cultural Activities

This is an essential part of our pupils' education and an important consideration for Governors. As part of this we hope that you have enjoyed events such as the celebration of Harvest, Diwali and Black History. We are also very proud of the way that our pupils continue to strive to raise as much money as possible for various charities, this term for example, Children in Need, Brake and Save the Children etc.



Safeguarding

The main priority as Governors is the safety of our pupils and staff. All Governors and staff have attended safeguarding training to ensure that their knowledge and understanding is up to date. Additionally, the Perry Hall MAT Health and Safety committee meet each term with the aim of ensuring that the school environment is as safe as possible. We would also like to thank PC Pye, our PCSO, for the work she continues to do with our pupils- this term her focus has been on raising children's awareness of how to stay safe on the internet.



Comments and Questions

The staff and Governors of Perry Hall are committed to providing our pupils with an outstanding learning experience. We always welcome feedback from parents, be that compliments about what is going well or constructive criticism. Contact can be made with us, in writing to the school, addressed to Damian Tarbuck- the Chair of Governors.

And finally....

The Governors would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

