

## Chair of Governors Report 2020/21

After another busy term and the school still facing the challenges of Covid, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Dove, the Senior Leadership Team and all the Staff for all their hard work and commitment to ensure positive outcomes for our children.

We sadly have to say goodbye to our Year 4 and we wish them the very best of luck at Middle School.

I would like to thank the PTA for their continued support towards the school, financially and socially.

Finally, on behalf of the Governing Body, I wish you a happy and enjoyable summer and look forward to seeing you in September.

Paula Bangs

Chair of Governors

### Teaching & Learning Committee can report on the following:

Governors continue to monitor the school website. The website has improved enormously every term and Governors feel it is informative and well presented.

### **School Development Plan:**

- Continue to embed to curriculum.
- Spelling and writing needed revisiting and a recap of phonics has been done.
- Continue to promote wellbeing and welfare for all children and staff.
- Sports Premium funds has been spent on playground equipment as the school is not allowing external visitors (Future Games) due to Covid 19.
- Governors had a google meet with Paul Dicker our Senco.
- All Governors have completed Safeguarding Training.

Attendance has been amazing 97.54%. National expectation is 96.20. A great effort has been made by the Head Teacher and her SLT team over the last few years.

## **SMSC and Values**

When planning for the return of children to Heathwood, their safety and wellbeing was our top priority. So, it was amazing to see how resilient the children were and how quickly they adapted to the new routines put in place to deal with the COVID-19 way of life. Being dropped off at the school gate and finding their own way to their new classrooms being their first hurdle. Daunting though it was, even the new children in Reception took to it like ducks to water.

The children quickly settled back into their new classrooms with their new teachers and recommenced their learning journey with renewed vigour. Children do have gaps in their learning as you would expect, but these are being addressed and we are well on our way to back to learning expectations.

It has been difficult for Governors to remain engaged with the school councils, but invitations have been issued to attend virtual meetings. So far two have taken place with a Governor present, Fair Trade and Rights Respecting. These invitations will be sent out for the foreseeable future.